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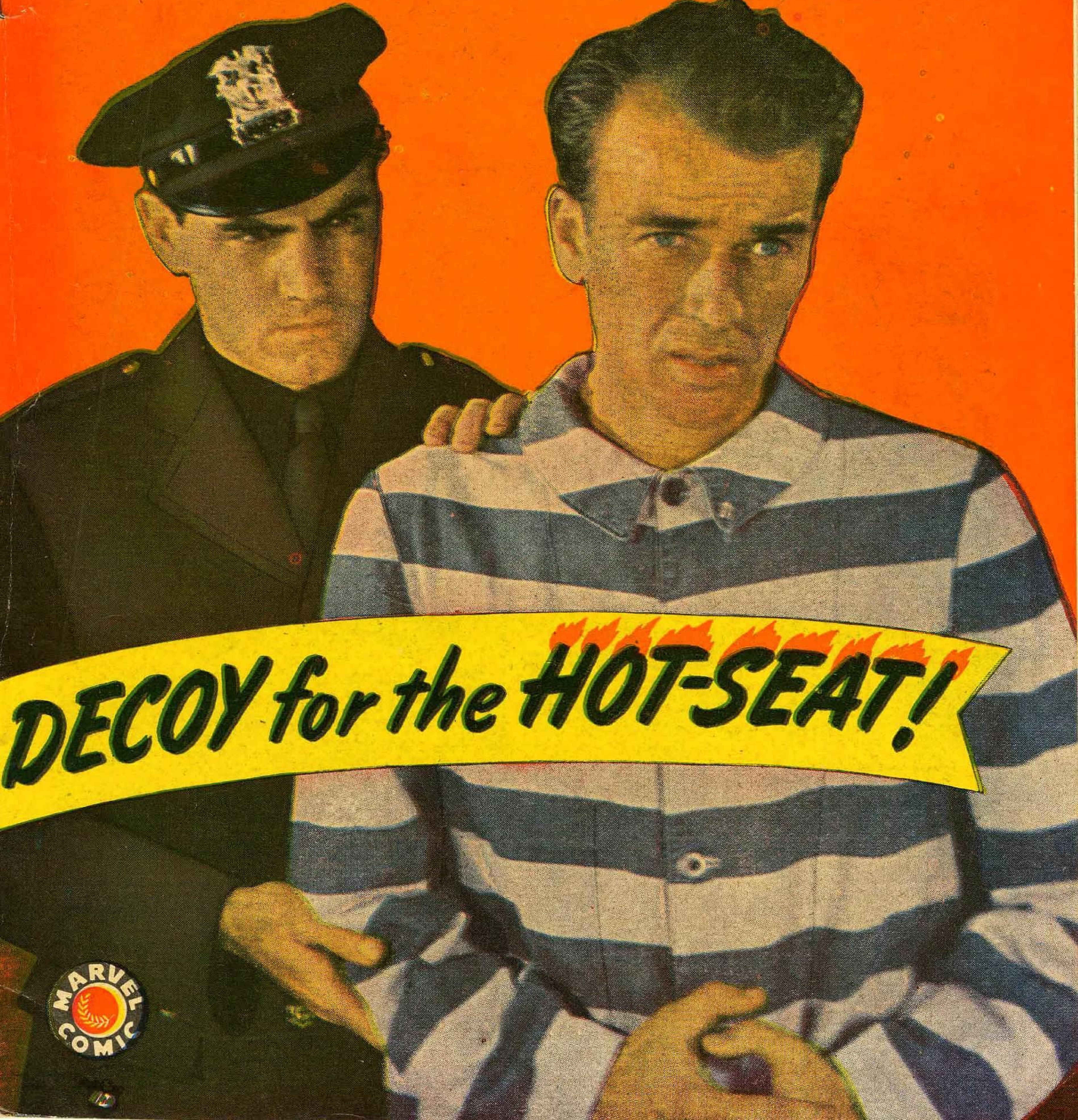

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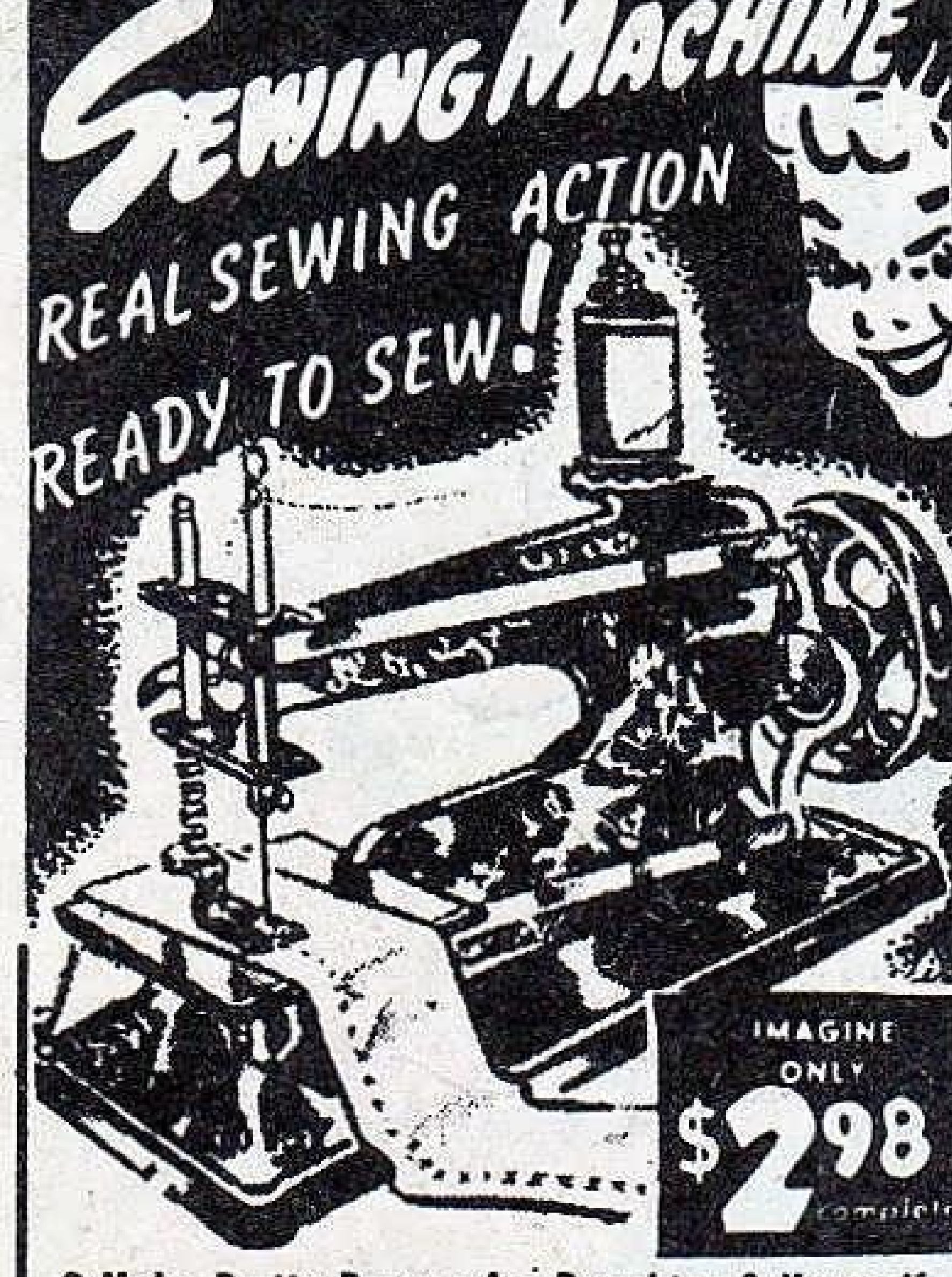

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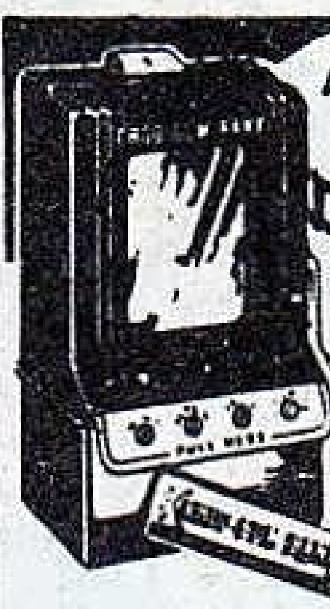

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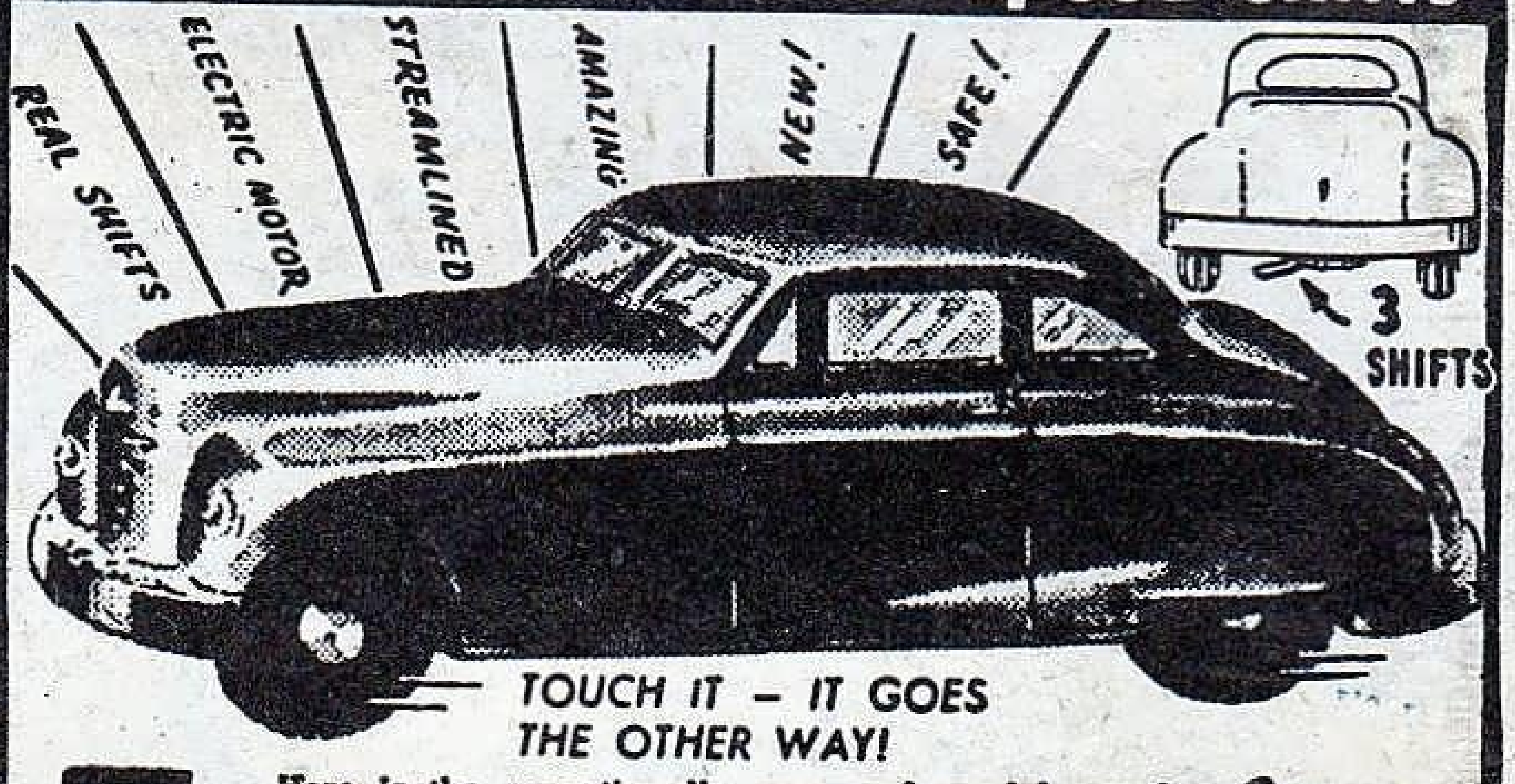

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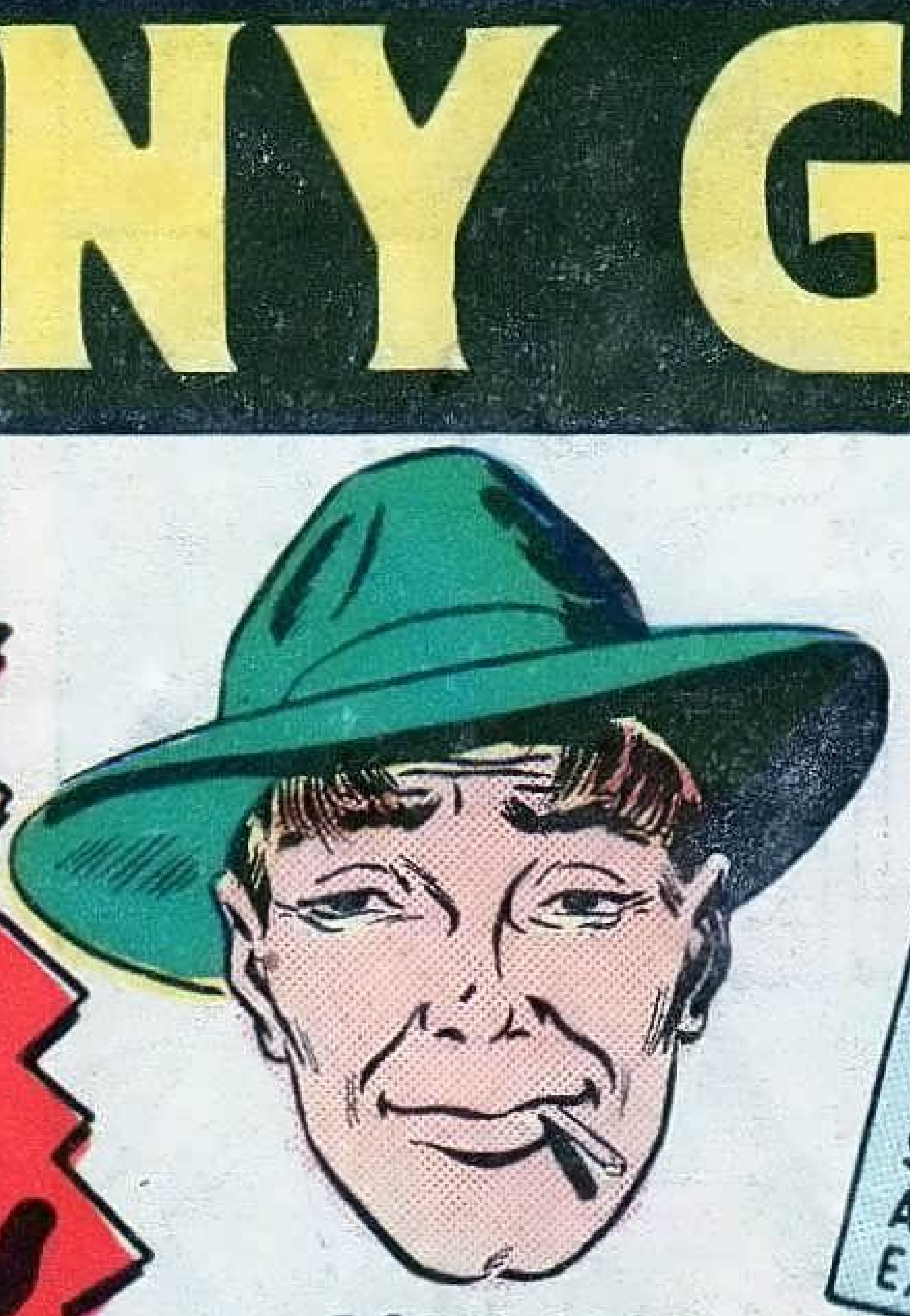
DANNY GUILD

THE HOOD FROM HELL'S KITCHEN!



BORN 1926
HELL'S KITCHEN, N.Y.

THIS IS THE STORY OF DANNY GUILD... REARED IN THE SLUMS OF NEW YORK! A CASE HISTORY THAT BEGAN IN MAY, 1936, AND REACHED ITS CLIMAX IN OCTOBER, 1946, WHEN DANNY GUILD FOUND HIMSELF HURLED FROM A LIFE OF PETTY CRIME INTO A FRONT PAGE MURDER CASE!

DANNY GUILD WAS AN UNFORTUNATE HUMAN BEING... A PRODUCT OF HIS TOUGH ENVIRONMENT AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF FATE! BUT ENVIRONMENT AND POVERTY CAN NEVER BE AN EXCUSE FOR CRIME... AND **MURDER!**

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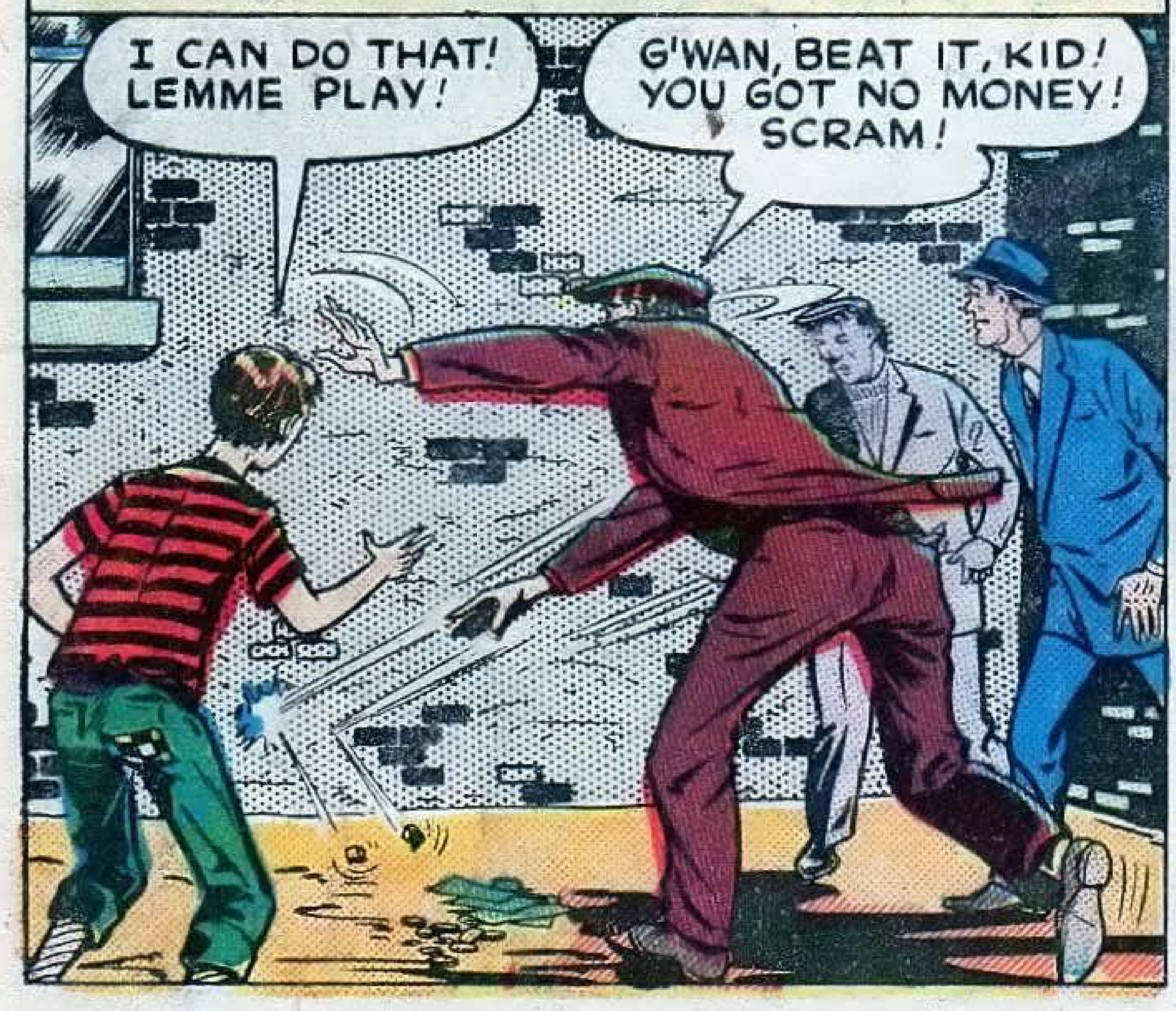
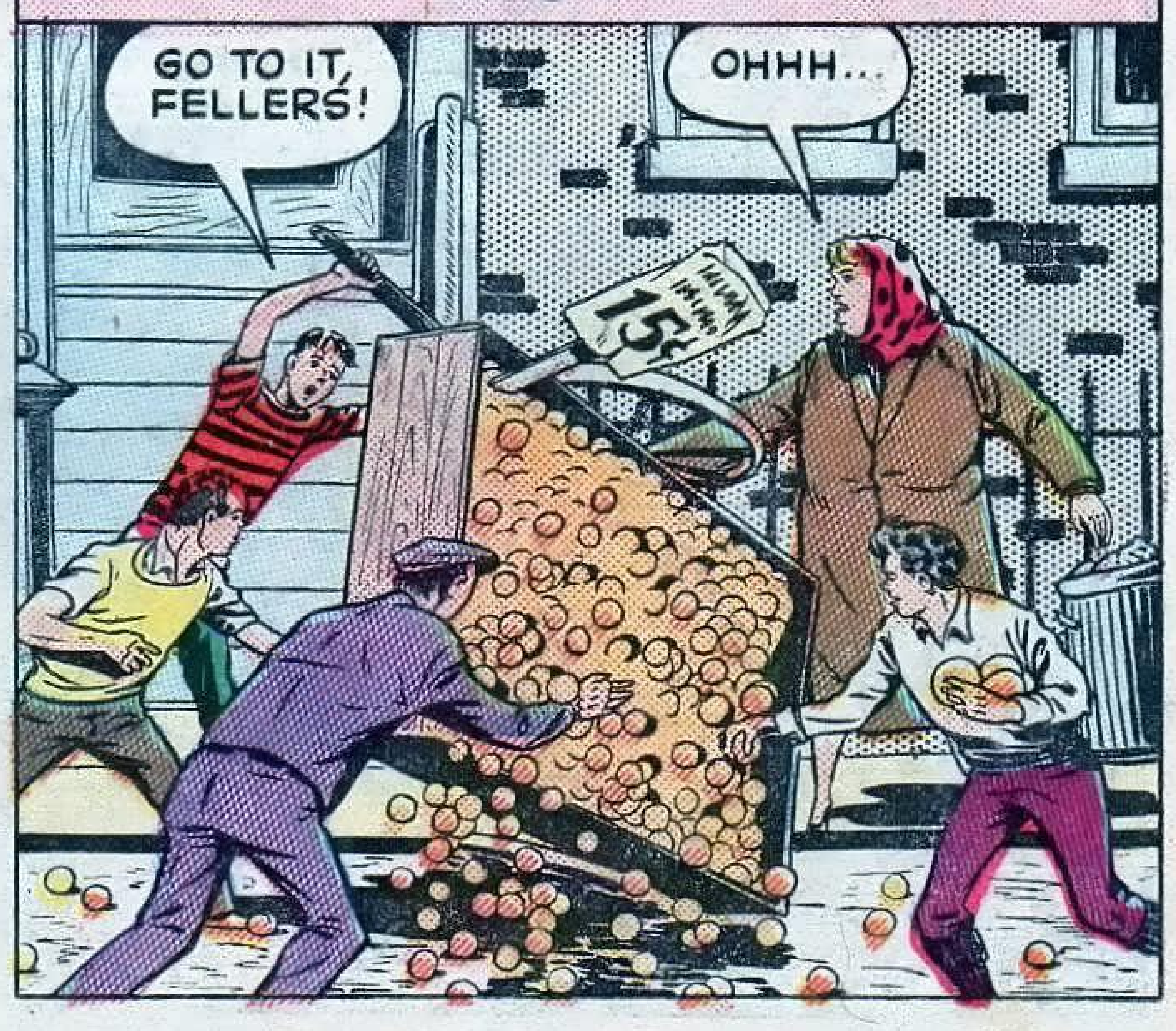
IN 1936 DANNY GUILD WAS TEN YEARS OLD! HE WAS AN ORPHAN, LIVING WITH AN AUNT WHO WORKED IN A FACTORY! DANNY SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME IN THE STREETS...AND ALLEYS...



I CAN DO THAT! LEMME PLAY!
G'WAN, BEAT IT, KID! YOU GOT NO MONEY! SCRAM!

AS DANNY GREW OLDER, HIS ENVIRONMENT AND HIS LACK OF PROPER DISCIPLINING CAUSED HIM TO SEEK HIS AMUSEMENTS IN CRUEL, DANGEROUS WAYS!



GO TO IT, FELLERS!
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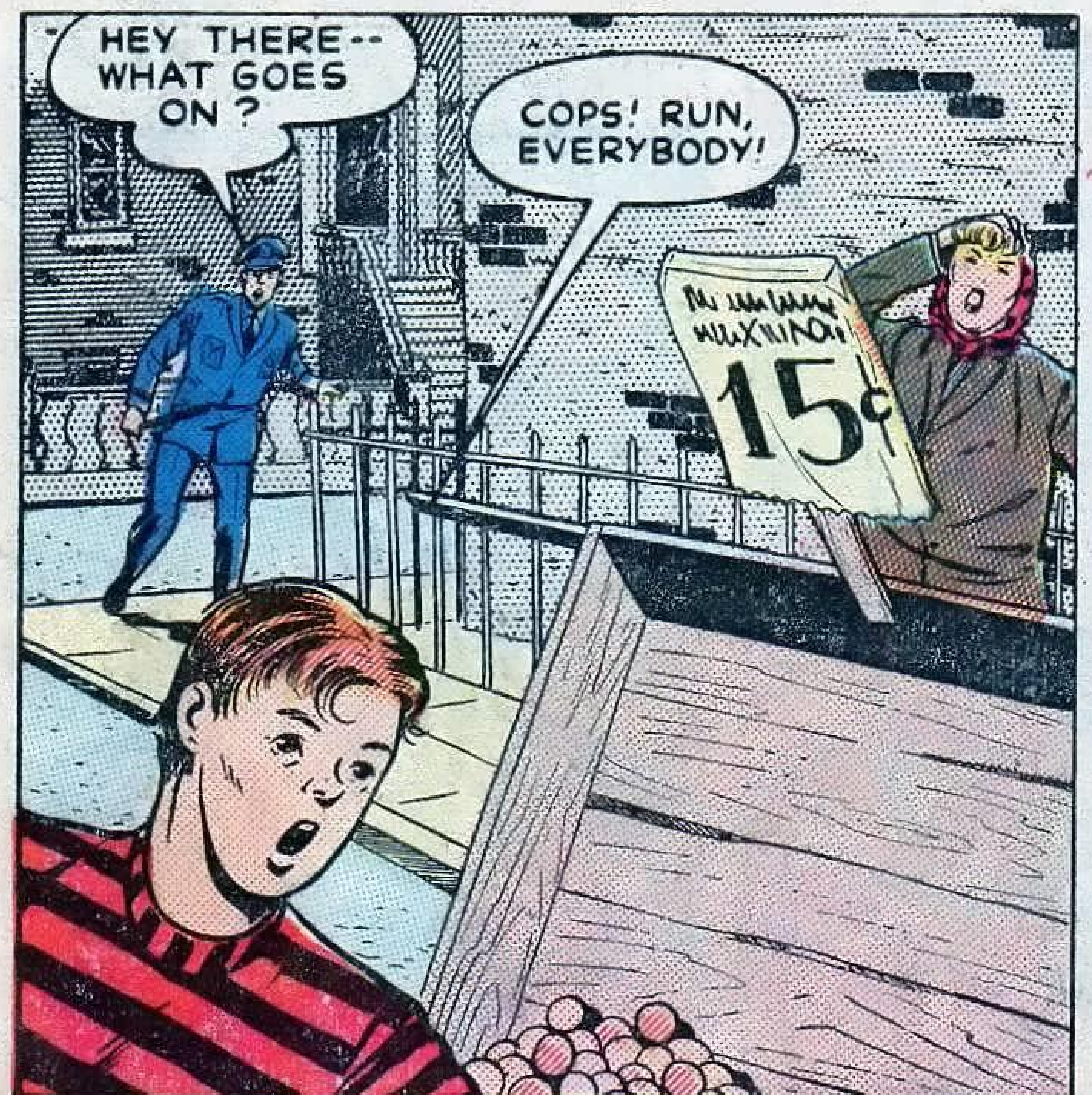

HEY THERE-- WHAT GOES ON?
COPS! RUN, EVERYBODY!
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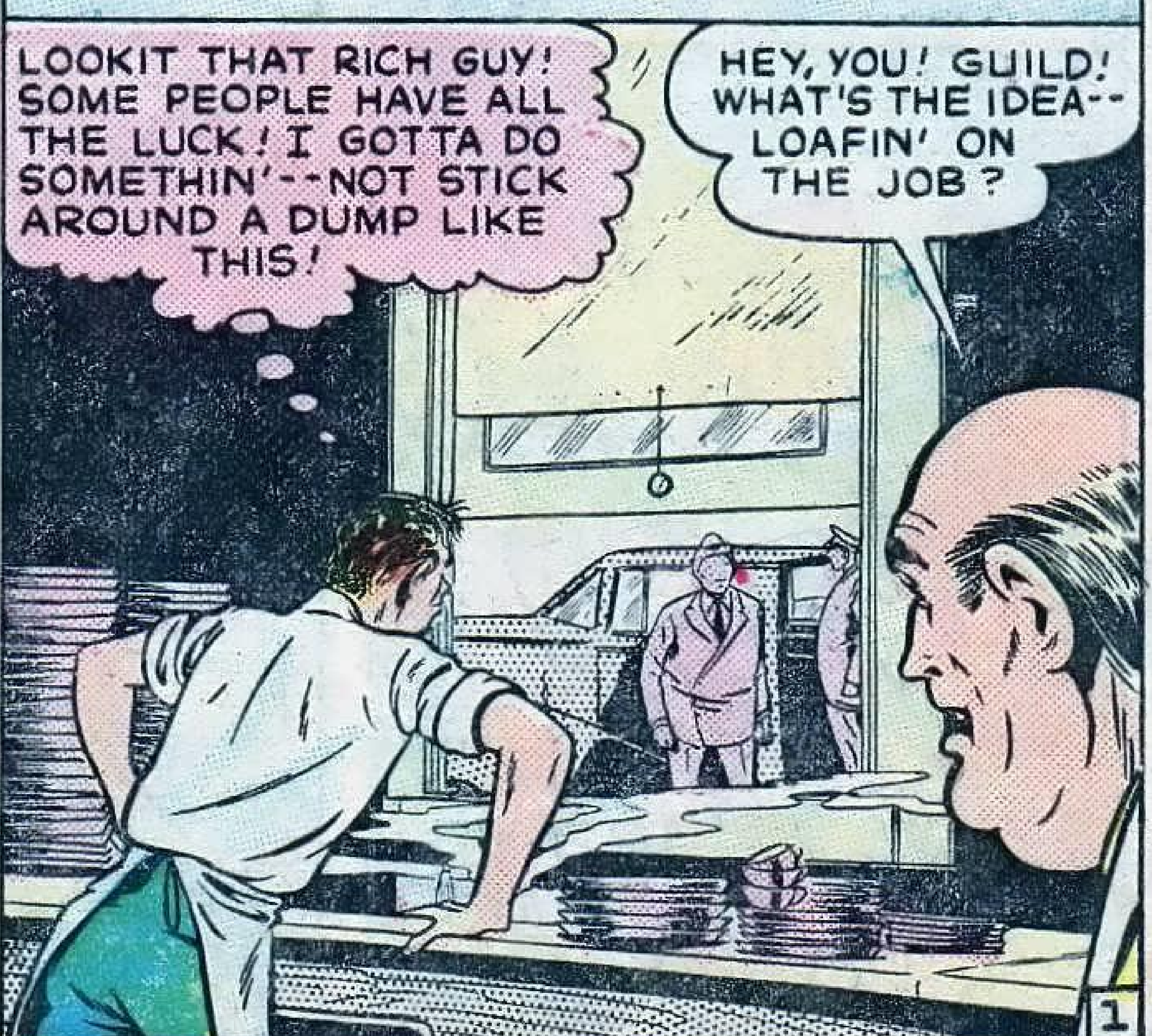
ON OCTOBER 10TH, 1946, DANNY WAS TWENTY! NOW HE WAS DISHWASHER IN A CHEAP LUNCH ROOM!



LOOKIT THAT RICH GUY! SOME PEOPLE HAVE ALL THE LUCK! I GOTTA DO SOMETHIN'--NOT STICK AROUND A DUMP LIKE THIS!
HEY, YOU! GUILD! WHAT'S THE IDEA--LOAFIN' ON THE JOB?

ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THIS TRUE-TO-LIFE STORY ARE FICTITIOUS
ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THIS STORY IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

AW SHADDUP! FOR THE DOUGH YOU PAY ME, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
YOU'RE FIRED!
IT DIDN'T TAKE DANNY GUILD LONG TO DECIDE ON A DIFFERENT JOB! THAT SAME EVENING...
LIFTIN' WALLETS! THAT'S MY GAME! I CAN DO IT--I GOT A SLICK SYSTEM ALL FIGURED OUT!
LATER THAT EVENING, IN A LONELY PART OF TOWN--A DISTINGUISHED-LOOKING MAN COMING OUT OF AN ALLEY LOOKED LIKE A GOOD PROSPECT!
HE'LL DO! LOOKS RICH! I'LL FIND OUT WHICH POCKET HAS HIS WALLET, AND...
LISTEN, MISTER, I GOT TROUBLE! WIFE AN' SIX KIDS-- THEY'RE STARVIN', MISTER, AN' ME OUTTA A JOB EIGHT MONTHS! MAYBE YOU GOT A SPARE BUCK...
I'M... IN A HURRY!
IF A DOLLAR WILL HELP, HERE YOU ARE! GOOD LUCK TO YOU!
OH, THANKS, MISTER! THANKS!
AS DANNY TOOK THE MONEY, HE SAW THAT THE MAN'S HAND HAD WET SMEARS OF BLOOD ON IT!
NOW DANNY KNEW WHICH POCKET THE WALLET WAS CARRIED IN!
MY WIFE THANKS YOU, MISTER! ALL MY KIDS THANK YOU! BREAD AND MILK FOR THE KIDS, MISTER-- YOU DID A GOOD DEED TONIGHT! YOU...
OKAY! LET GO OF ME-- I'M IN A HURRY!
...AND DANNY HAD THE WALLET! IT WAS A CINCH!
THANK *YOU*, MISTER!
YOU'RE WELCOME!

BUT AS DANNY PASSED THE ALLEY OUT OF WHICH THE MAN HAD COME, HE HEARD...

OOHHHH! --HELP!
WHAT'S THAT?
HOLY SMOKE!

THE MAN SEEMED TO BE TRYING TO TALK, BUT THE WORDS WOULD NOT COME! THEN HE WAS DEAD!

HIT HIM ON THE HEAD WITH SOMETHIN', AN' KNIFED HIM IN THE CHEST! THAT GUY MUSTA BEEN KILLIN' HIM JUST A MINUTE BEFORE I CAME ALONG -- NO WONDER HE WAS IN A HURRY!

DANNY GUILD STOOD PETRIFIED! ALL HE COULD THINK OF WAS TO RUN, GET AWAY FROM THERE! PICKING POCKETS WAS ONE THING, BUT MURDER WAS SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN! HE REALIZED THEN THAT YOU CAN LOSE YOURSELF IN CRIME PRETTY DEEP, ALL IN A HURRY! MURDER WAS SOMETHING DANNY WANTED NO PART OF!

GOTTA SCRAM OUT OF HERE!

BUT THAT KILLER MIGHT NEVER GET CAUGHT! SUDDENLY DANNY REMEMBERED THAT HE HAD THE KILLER'S WALLET...BUT HE COULDN'T VERY WELL GO TO THE POLICE AND TELL THEM THAT HE HAD JUST ROBBED A MAN WHO HAD JUST COMMITTED MURDER!

HERE'S HIS AUTO LICENSE -- PARKER BLAKE, 1019 CRESTVIEW HILL DRIVE!

FOR A MOMENT DANNY STOOD PONDERING WHAT HE SHOULD DO! THEN...

I'LL LEAVE IT HERE FOR THE COPS!

...NEAR THE BODY, HE FOUND...

BLOOD ON IT! THIS IS WHAT THAT DEAD GUY GOT HIT ON THE HEAD WITH!

THE SOONER THE COPS CAME NOW, THE BETTER, DANNY FIGURED! THAT WAS SIMPLE!

THAT OUGHTA STIR THINGS UP! AN' THIS IS NO PLACE FOR ME!
CRASH!

AND, IN APARTMENT 2E, ACROSS THE ALLEY...
WHAT WAS THAT?
CRASH!
WHO DID THAT?-- WHO'S OUT THERE?
HIRAM! LOOK HERE!
BLOOD ON IT! WHAT TH...?
I'D BETTER PHONE THE POLICE STATION!
AND PRESENTLY...
SOMEBODY CHUCKED IT THROUGH OUR WINDOW! LOOKS LIKE IT HAS BLOOD ON IT!
SURE DOES!
YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYBODY OUTSIDE?
NO! WE WERE ASLEEP! TIME HIRAM GOT TO THE WINDOW, NOBODY WAS OUT THERE!
IT COULD'VE BEEN THROWN FROM DOWN IN THAT ALLEY...HEY, SARGE, C'MERE, QUICK!
LOOKIT! A GUY LYIN' DOWN THERE!
HE LOOKS DEAD!
AND IN ANOTHER MOMENT...
HE GOT STABBED IN THE CHEST, BUT THE KNIFE IS GONE!
DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYTHIN' ON HIM THAT GIVES HIS NAME!
HEY, C'MERE! LOOK AT THIS!

HERE'S WHERE THAT ROCK CAME FROM! SEE? IT FITS!
THE KILLER NABBED IT, HIT THE GUY ON THE HEAD WITH IT, AN' THEN STABBED HIM!
LOOK HERE!
SOMEBODY'S WALLET!
IT'S GOT BLOOD SMEARS ON IT!
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"PARKER BLAKE, 1019 CRESTVIEW HILL DRIVE!"
THE DEAD MAN!
OR MAYBE THE KILLER!
PRETTY DUMB KILLER THAT WOULD MAKE HIM--LEAVIN' HIS WALLET AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!
THIS KILLER BUMPS A GUY OFF, DROPS HIS WALLET, AN' THEN HE TOSSES THE MURDER WEAPON THROUGH A WINDOW! I DON'T GET IT!
YOU MEN STAY HERE TILL THE CAPTAIN AN' DOC AN' THE REST OF 'EM GET HERE! PETE AN' I'LL GO HAVE A LOOK AT THIS BLAKE PLACE!
POLICE
MEANWHILE DANNY GUILD HAD DECAMPED! HE HAD DECIDED TO SNOOP AROUND BLAKE'S PLACE ON HIS OWN! HE FOUND IT A BIG, LUXURIOUS BUNGALOW STANDING ALONE IN ITS GARDENS...
NICE JOINT! GUESS THAT LIGHT'S IN HIS BEDROOM WINDOW!
DANNY WAS ALERT, BECAUSE HE FIGURED THAT THE COPS WOULD COME, AND HE CERTAINLY DIDN'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT THERE!
WHAT'S HE CLEANIN' HIS SHOES FOR?

AND THEN...
WASHIN' DIRT OFF HIS HANDS!
HE FIGURES HE'S GOT EVERYTHING FIXED ALL RIGHT!
I GET IT! HE WASHED BLOOD AND DIRT OFF HIS HANDS! HE BRUSHED DIRT OFF HIS SHOES! HE'S BEEN OUT HERE--BURYIN' SOMETHING!
THE BIG SPADE WAS LYING IN THE CELLAR ENTRYWAY! IT SEEMED TO HAVE FRESH DIRT ON IT!
AN' THIS IS WHAT HE USED TO DIG WITH! NOW, IF I CAN FIND THE PLACE.
LOOKS LIKE FRESH-DUG EARTH HERE! THIS COULD BE IT! WE'LL SEE!
HOLY CATS! DO I HAFTA GO ON THROUGH TO CHINA?
AT THAT MOMENT, UP IN THE BEDROOM...
WHA..??
DANNY HAD NO WARNING! HE WAS BUSY WITH HIS DIGGING, WHEN SUDDENLY...
YOU'RE DIGGING YOUR OWN GRAVE!
OOF!

THIS'LL BE YOUR LAST RESTING PLACE, SNOOPER!
YEAH? I GOT DIFFERENT IDEAS!
PB
ONE MURDER'S ENOUGH FOR ANY MAN! DON'T BE GREEDY!
UGH!
SPAT!
DANNY GUILD NEARLY GOT PICKED UP BY THE POLICE JUST THEN! HE GOT AWAY BY SPLIT SECONDS!
WHEW! ANY PLACE BUT HERE IS WHERE I WANNA BE!
HEY! WHAT'S THIS?
SO THIS GUY DIGS AWHILE AN' THEN PASSES OUT! I DON'T GET IT!
HERE'S SOMETHING!
THE EVIDENCE THEY UNEARTHED WAS CLEAR ENOUGH! A BLOODY KNIFE, LATER IDENTIFIED AS BELONGING TO PARKER BLAKE! A SHIRT, BLOOD-SMEARED, WITH EMBROIDERED INITIALS, "P.B.," AND THE VICTIM'S WATCH AND DIAMOND RING, WRAPPED UP IN BLAKE'S BLOOD-SOAKED HANDKERCHIEF!
...AN' THIS GUY HERE IS BLAKE HIMSELF! HE'S GOT THE SAME INITIALS ON HIS SHIRT! WE GOT THIS CASE ALL WRAPPED UP, SARGE!
PB
PB
ON FEB. 14, 1947, PARKER BLAKE WAS CONVICTED OF THE MURDER OF HIS BUSINESS PARTNER, ROBERT DUGAN! THE MOTIVE WAS TO GET CONTROL OF THE BUSINESS AND TO COVER UP BLAKE'S EMBEZZLEMENT, WHICH DUGAN WAS ON THE BRINK OF DISCOVERING!
WE, THE JURY, FIND THE PRISONER GUILTY AS CHARGED!
SWELL! SUITS ME JUS' FINE!
DANNY FELT LIKE A REGULAR DETECTIVE! RIGHT THEN HE MADE AN IMPORTANT DECISION --HE HAD FOUND A NEW INTEREST! IT WAS BETTER EVEN THAN BEING A DIP!
YA GOTTA HAVE A SPECIAL TALENT! I GOT WHAT IT TAKES, -- SURE I HAVE!
AND PRESENTLY...
I WANNA BE A COP! HOW D'YOU GO ABOUT BEIN' ONE?
?
YES, THAT'S JUST HOW IT HAPPENED! WE'VE FICTIONALIZED HIS NAME, OF COURSE, BUT TODAY DANNY GUILD IS ONE OF NEW YORK CITY'S "FINEST," AND PROUD AS PUNCH IN HIS UNIFORM... ANOTHER MAN WHO'S LEARNED THAT IT'S A LOT SMARTER TO STAY ON THIS SIDE OF THE LAW!
THE END

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V. S. MITCHELL

With aliases: Ursey Mitchell, "Bear"

DESCRIPTION

Age, 34, born October 3, 1914, Strong, Arkansas; Height, 5' 8½''; Weight, 165 pounds; Eyes, brown; Hair, black, kinky; Complexion, black; Build, stocky; Race, Negro; Nationality, American; Education, 6th grade; Occupation, laborer; Scars and marks, scars on right shin.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR MURDER

CRIMINAL RECORD

Mitchell has been sentenced in the State of Arkansas on charges of burglary and grand larceny. A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at Fort Smith, Arkansas, on March 7, 1945, charging V. S. Mitchell with violating Section 408e, Title 18, United States Code, in that he unlawfully fled from the State of Arkansas to avoid prosecution for the crime of murder. An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Fort Smith, Arkansas, August 26, 1942, charging V. S. Mitchell with violating the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

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FRED WILLIAMS POOLE

With aliases: Fred William Burckhauser, C. F. Hoefer, John M. Quinn, Fred Walker

DESCRIPTION

Age, 61, born October 23, 1887, North, South Carolina; Height, 5' 7½''; Weight, 145 pounds; Eyes, blue; Hair, brown, greying; Complexion, fair; Build, medium; Race, white; Nationality, American; Education, eighth grade; Occupations, mechanic, cook; Scars and marks, upper and lower front teeth out; Peculiarities, walks erect with head down.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR MURDER

CAUTION:
POOLE HAS TWO MACHINE GUNS AND .45 CALIBER AUTOMATIC PISTOL HE IS DANGEROUS.

CRIMINAL RECORD

Poole has an extensive criminal record, having been arrested numerous times since 1912 in South Carolina, Maryland, Ohio, Alabama, and Texas. His criminal specialty is burglary. A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at Columbia, South Carolina, on May 15, 1943, charging subject with a violation of the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Statute in that he fled from the State of South Carolina to avoid prosecution for the crime of murder.

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ISHAM DANUBE HOBBS

With aliases: Isham David Hobbs, Jr., Sergeant Hobbs, Harry Thorpe, Jr.

DESCRIPTION

Age, 32, born August 12, 1916, Huntsville, Alabama; Height 5' 9½''; Weight, 150 pounds; Eyes, gray; Hair, dark brown; Complexion, ruddy; Build, medium slender; Race, white; Nationality, American; Education, eleventh grade; Occupations, soldier, farmer, logger, truck driver, automobile and farm mechanic; Scars and marks, cut scar on right kneecap, dot scar on right side of upper lip.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR MURDER

CAUTION:
HOBBS IS AN EXPERT WITH A REVOLVER, SHOTGUN, AND RIFLE. HE IS PROFICIENT WITH A KNIFE AND CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. HE IS KNOWN TO CARRY A SWITCHBLADE KNIFE.

CRIMINAL RECORD

Hobbs has been arrested on charges of investigation, vagrancy, and burglarly. A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at Birmingham, Alabama, on June 29, 1944, charging subject as Isham David Hobbs, Jr., with a violation of Section 408e, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that he unlawfully fled from the State of Alabama to avoid prosecution for the crime of murder.

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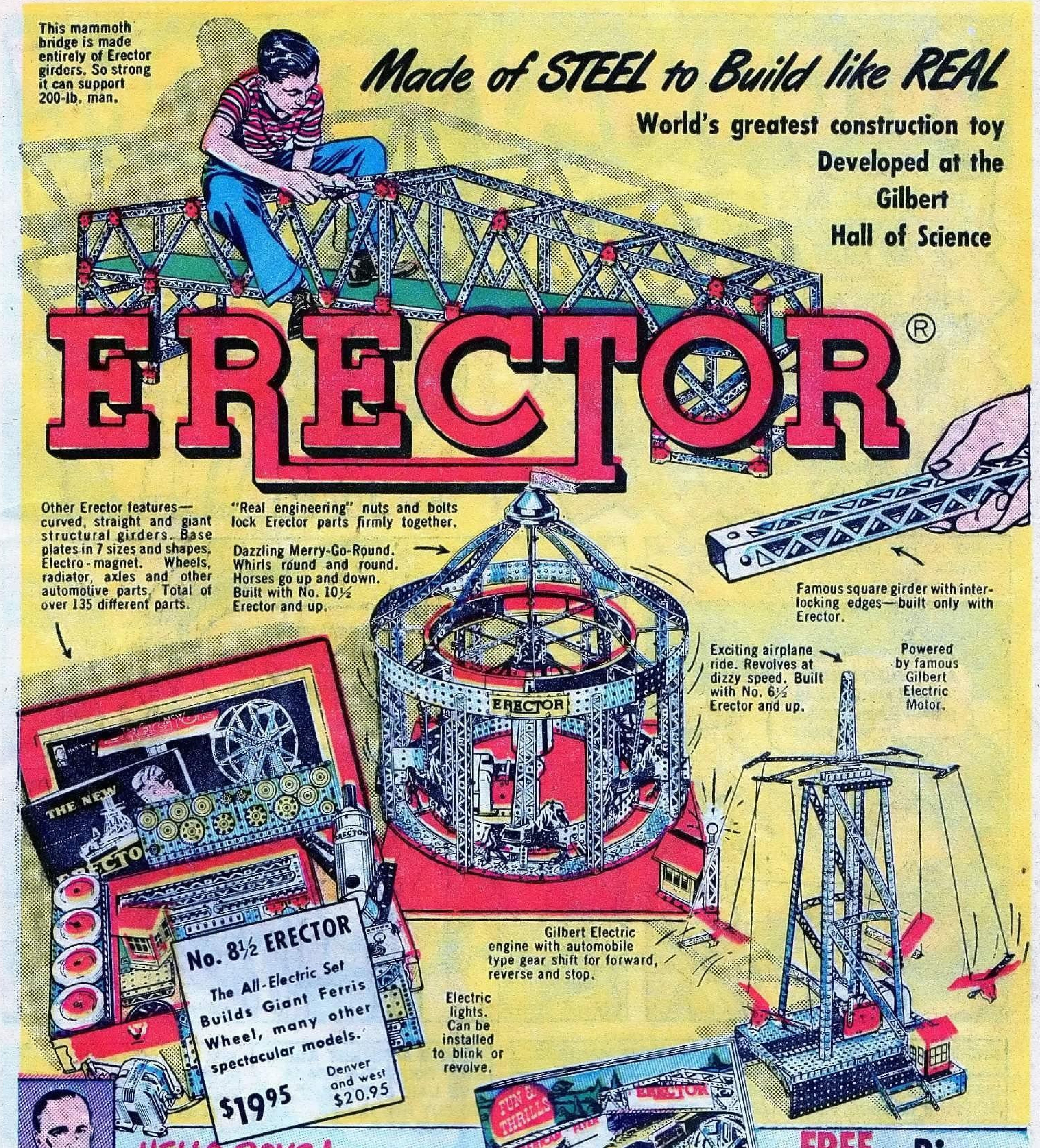

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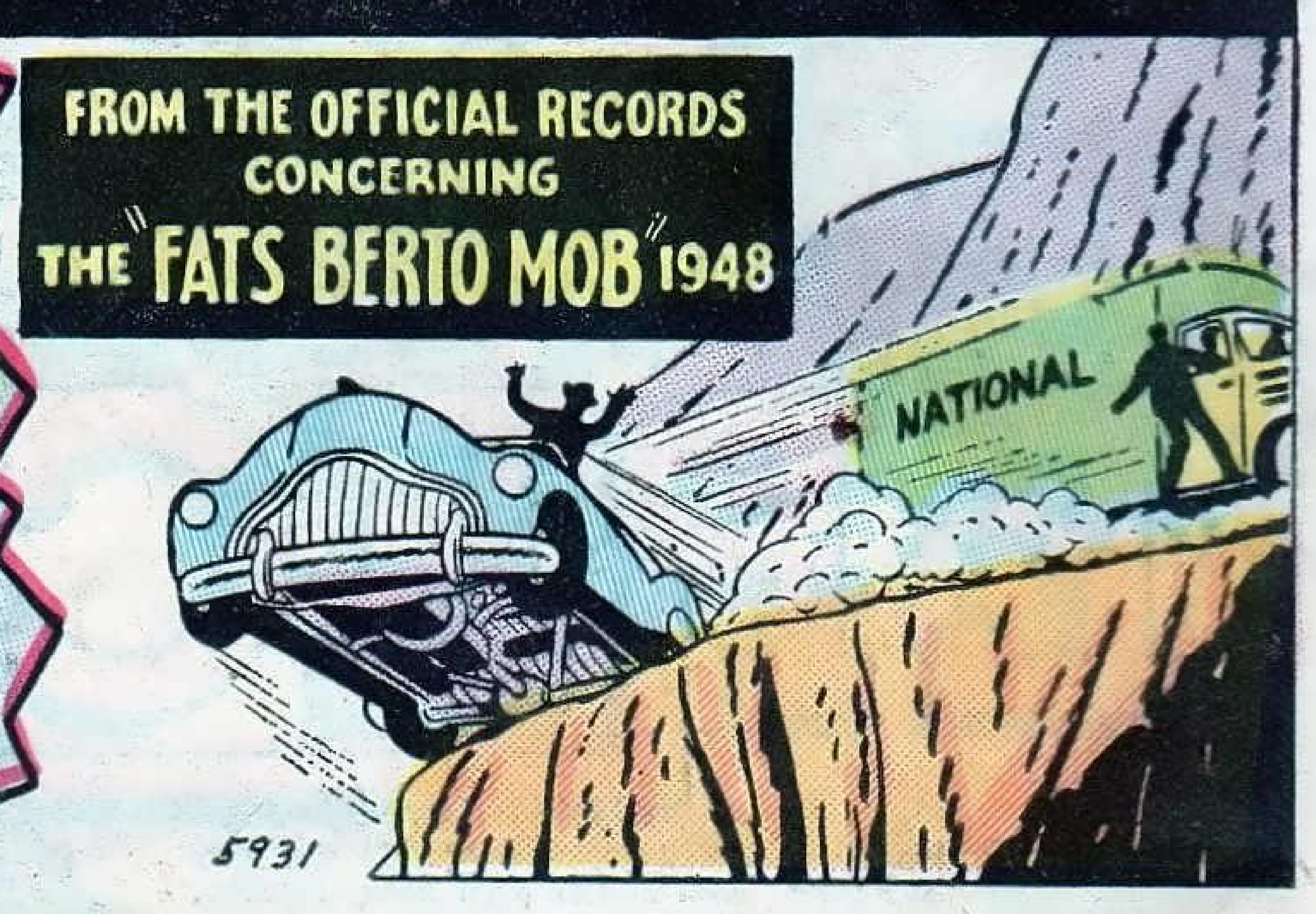
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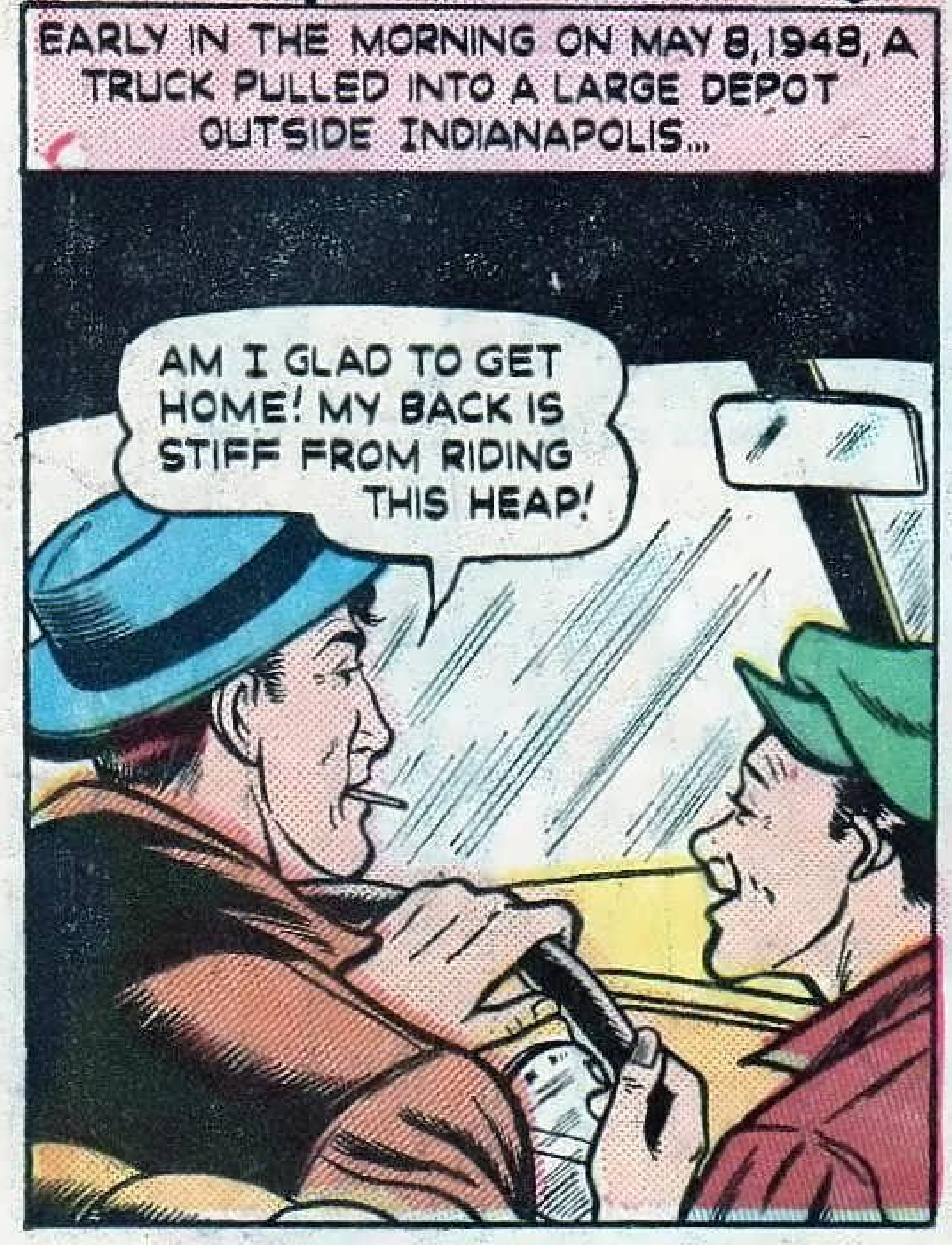
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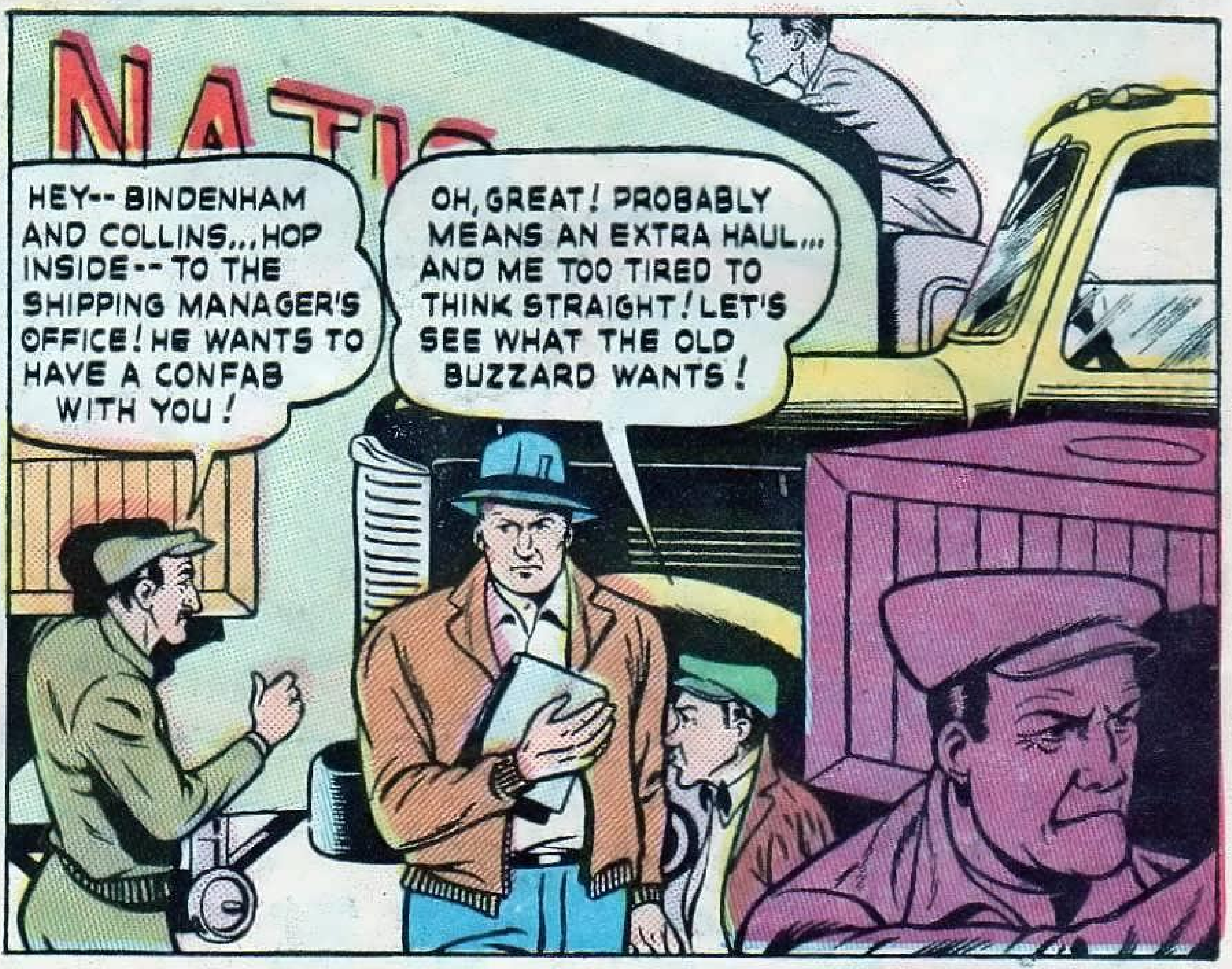
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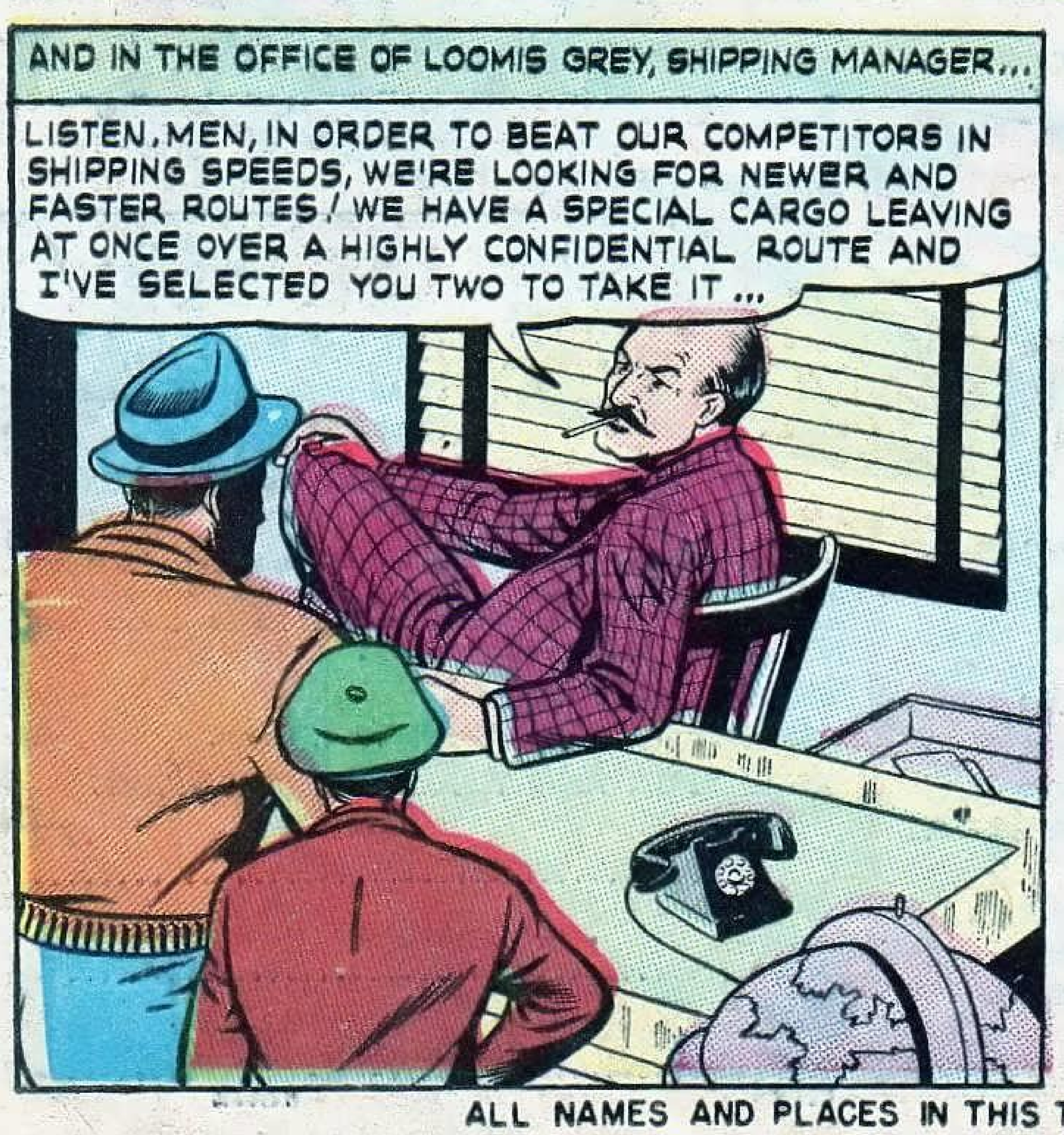
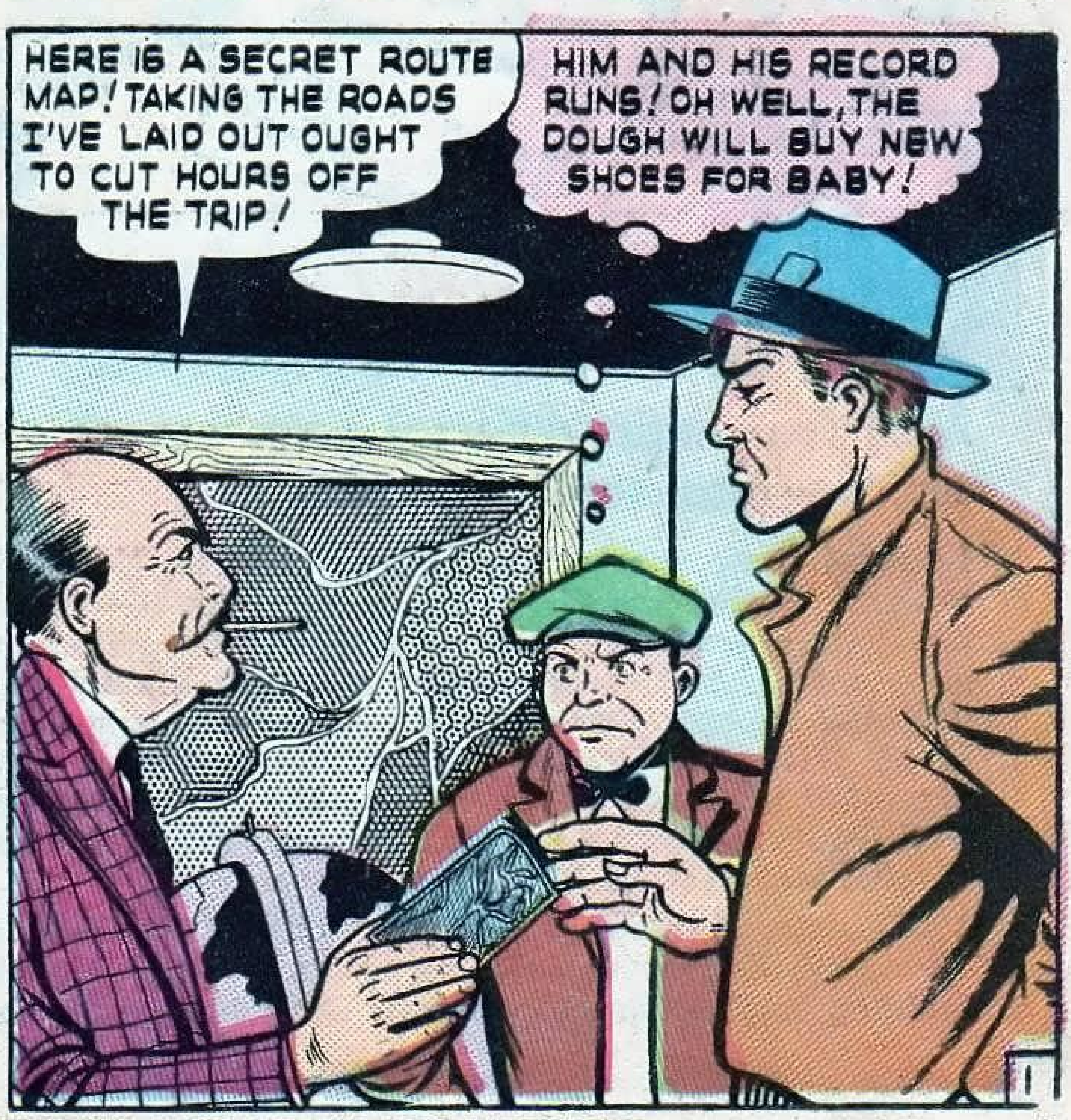
HEY-- BINDENHAM AND COLLINS... HOP INSIDE-- TO THE SHIPPING MANAGER'S OFFICE! HE WANTS TO HAVE A CONFAB WITH YOU!
OH, GREAT! PROBABLY MEANS AN EXTRA HAUL... AND ME TOO TIRED TO THINK STRAIGHT! LET'S SEE WHAT THE OLD BUZZARD WANTS!


AND IN THE OFFICE OF LOOMIS GREY, SHIPPING MANAGER...
LISTEN, MEN, IN ORDER TO BEAT OUR COMPETITORS IN SHIPPING SPEEDS, WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEWER AND FASTER ROUTES! WE HAVE A SPECIAL CARGO LEAVING AT ONCE OVER A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ROUTE AND I'VE SELECTED YOU TWO TO TAKE IT ...


HERE IS A SECRET ROUTE MAP! TAKING THE ROADS I'VE LAID OUT OUGHT TO CUT HOURS OFF THE TRIP!
HIM AND HIS RECORD RUNS! OH WELL, THE DOUGH WILL BUY NEW SHOES FOR BABY!
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BOY! AM I GLAD YOU GOT MUSCLES! THIS ROUTE MAY BE QUICK, BUT BROTHER, IT'S MURDER!
RELAX, LITTLE MAN! YOU CAN TAKE OVER WHEN WE HIT THE FLATS! I'LL BE NEEDING SOME SLEEP MYSELF BY THEN!
S
CAR IN TROUBLE UP AHEAD! GOING TO STOP?
SURE! AREN'T TRUCK DRIVERS SUPPOSED TO BE REAL FRIENDLY CRITTERS? I'LL PULL OVER...
WHAT'S WRONG, BUD-- SOME ENGINE TROUBLE?
NOPE! NO TROUBLE AT ALL... UNLESS *YOU* MAKE IT!
IN-452
GUNS! SAY, WHAT IS THIS?
KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON PAL, AND YOU WON'T GET HURT! WE'RE JUST GONNA LIFT SOME OF YOUR CARGO, THAT'S ALL!
THE HECK YOU ARE, MISTER! TAKE 'EM, JOHNNY!
NOBODY IS HIJACKING *OUR* LOAD!
YOU DUMB OX! I'LL...
GET HIM OFF ME!
OHHH...
DROP THAT GUN, RAT!
WE NEVER HAD A CARGO LIFTED YET--AND IT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN NOW!
LET GO! YAAA!
BUT BEFORE BINDENHAM COULD SWING INTO ACTION AGAIN...
IF WE KNEW YOU GUYS WANTED A FUSS YOU WOULDA CAUGHT A SLUG SOONER!

AN HOUR WENT BY-- THEN A PASSING MOTORIST SAW WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND FLASHED A CALL FOR HELP! SOON...
COMING AROUND ALL RIGHT! MISTER...SPEAK TO ME! CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED?
OH, MY HEAD!
M.D.
BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL HE HAS MUMBLED THE STORY THAT BINDENHAM COMPLETELY REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED! THEN...
DUSTY!!! HE'S DEAD! I'LL KILL THEM FOR THIS! I'LL GET EVERY ONE AND SMASH 'EM TO BITS WITH MY HANDS!
CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! THE CARGO'S BEEN MOVED AROUND BUT NOTHING SEEMS TO BE MISSING!
HERE'S YOUR ROUTE MAP, FELLER-- YOU MUST HAVE DROPPED IT! WHEN YOU GET YOUR TRUCK INTO TOWN, DROP OVER TO THE POLICE STATION FOR A FURTHER REPORT...
SURE... ANYTHING TO GET THOSE RATS!
A FEW HOURS LATER...
SURE SORRY TO HEAR WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR PAL, JOHNNY! JUST PULL INSIDE AND WE'LL UNLOAD IN THE MORNING!
THANKS, BUCKY! I'LL LOCK UP AFTER I CHECK MY LOAD!
NATIONAL
NOT A THING GONE! IT'S BEEN MOVED, BUT NOT STOLEN! WHAT COULD THEY HAVE WANTED?
MAYBE YOU CAN ANSWER THAT ONE, BUDDY!
GO ON, MAKE LIKE YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOUR TRUCK WAS USED AS THE MAIL CAR FOR HOT JEWELS, STUFF WE ALREADY PAID FOR AND WERE HAVING SHIPPED! NICE TRICK-- BUMPING YOUR PARTNER AND GRABBING THE STUFF!
STOLEN JEWELS... SO THAT'S IT!
COME ON, SPILL IT-- WHERE ARE THEY?
BROTHER, IF I HAD 'EM I'D STUFF 'EM DOWN YOUR FAT THROAT!
ALL RIGHT, MAKE IT HARD FOR YOURSELF! EDDIE... GET SOME ROPE! IF THIS GUY WON'T TALK WE'LL FIX IT SO HE NEVER SPEAKS AGAIN!...

A BURNING OIL-SOAKED RAG UNDER THIS GAS DRUM WILL SET THIS UP IN A FEW MINUTES!
GOOD IDEA! HE KNOWS THE SCORE NOW, AND WE DON'T WANT HIM IDENTIFYING US!
SLOWLY, BINDENHAM REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS... SO SLOWLY THAT THE OILY RAGS HAD TIME TO BLAZE FIERCELY! THEN...
MAYBE I'M NOT SMART LIKE DUSTY WAS... BUT I KNOW WHAT HE'D DO IF HE WERE IN MY PLACE!
A QUICK ROLL TO THE WALL, AND...
LUCKY FOR ME THIS FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS THE KIND YOU ONLY HAVE TO TURN UPSIDE DOWN TO START! THERE... BUT I HAVE TO GET IT POINTED AT THE FIRE BEFORE IT EMPTIES ITSELF!
HOT DOG! BESIDES DOUSING THE FIRE, THE EXTINGUISHER DOUSED ME... AND MADE THESE ROPES STRETCH ENOUGH TO COME LOOSE!
MOMENTS LATER...
HELLO--POLICE? THIS IS BINDENHAM--YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! I HAD A RUN-IN WITH THREE OF THE GANG... THEY THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR! ONE GUY HAD A SCARRED FACE... SAID THEY WERE GOING TO THE SHOP...
SCARFACE, EH? THAT'LL BE BERTO... WE KNOW WHERE HIS SHOP IS! HERE'S WHAT TO DO...
LATER, IN A PAWN SHOP ON THE NORTH-SIDE...
WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANT?
YOU, BERTO! SEEMS LIKE YOU SET A LITTLE FIRE IN THE TRUCK TERMINAL!
YOU'RE CRAZY! WE WAS HERE ALLA TIME!
I TELL YOU WE WERE HERE ALL DAY!
CUT IT, WISE GUY! I HAVE A WITNESS COMING IN RIGHT NOW... REMEMBER HIM?
THOSE ARE THE GUYS ALL RIGHT! SAID I KILLED MY PAL DUSTY TO GET THE JEWELS... THEN TRIED TO KILL ME!
YOU! KEEP HIM AWAY FROM ME!

START TALKING... OR I'LL WORK YOU OVER SO EVEN YOUR MOTHER WON'T KNOW YOU!
THAT'S SOMETHING I ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE!
NO, WAIT--I'LL TALK! SURE, I RECEIVED STOLEN JEWELS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO SENT THEM! EVERYTHING WAS HANDLED BY MAIL THROUGH A PHONY NAME AT GENERAL DELIVERY IN THE POST OFFICE, AND THE STUFF WAS SHIPPED IN HIS TRUCK, HIDDEN IN THE CARGO!
I WOULDN'T HIJACK STUFF I ALREADY PAID FOR! THERE'S ANOTHER OUTFIT MUSCLING IN ON ME-- THAT'S WHAT!
I OUGHT TO BREAK YOUR NECK ANYWAY! TAKE THEM AWAY!
THANKS TO YOU WE NAILED HALF THE OUTFIT, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE OTHER HALF COVERED THEIR TRACKS PRETTY WELL...
AND THAT'S THE HALF I WANT!
PAWN
THEY'VE MADE A SLIP SOMEWHERE... I KNOW IT-- BUT I CAN'T THINK WHAT IT WAS!
WHEN YOU DO, DROP OVER AND SEE US! MEANWHILE, WE'LL WORK ON THAT MAIL ANGLE!
POLICE
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HELLO, JOHNNY! THE PAPERS SURE MADE A HERO OF YOU TODAY-- NAILING THOSE CROOKS AND ALL!
YEAH, GREAT! I SURE FEEL LIKE A HERO THINKING OF HOW POOR DUSTY GOT IT!!
NATIONAL
TOUGH! WISH WE COULD HELP YOU OUT! IF THERE WAS SOMEWAY OF IDENTIFYING THE MEN OR THE CAR WE COULD KEEP OUR EYES PEELED!
THE MEN WERE MASKED... BUT WAIT, THEIR CAR!...
THAT'S IT! A LIGHT BLUE CONVERTIBLE! I THREW ONE GUY AT IT, AND DENTED THE DOOR UP!
GOOD! WE'LL COVER EVERY HIGHWAY-- SPREAD THE WORD TO EVERY DRIVER ON THE ROAD! I'LL ROUND UP THE BOYS AND GET GOING!

AND SO THE WORD WENT AROUND... EVERY EYE ALERT... SEARCHING!
HEY, BOB... THERE'S A BLUE CONVERTIBLE-- SAME MAKE AS THE ONE... NO GOOD... THERE'S NO DENT IN THE DOOR! WE'LL KEEP LOOKING, THOUGH!
AND IN NEIGHBORING STATES THE SEARCH WENT ON, EVERY SECOND, EVERY MINUTE...
WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE, JOE? IT'S GOT THE RIGHT MARKINGS!
AFRAID NOT! THAT CREASE IS AN OLD ONE-- LOOK AT THE RUST AROUND IT! REMEMBER, IT ONLY HAPPENED YESTERDAY!
THEN, IN A ROADSIDE DINER A FEW MILES UPSTATE...
PETE... LISTEN... THAT CAR WE'RE LOOKING FOR... IT'S PARKED OUTSIDE! I'M POSITIVE!
THEN THE MEN ARE IN HERE SOMEWHERE! I GOT TO GET TO A PHONE!
AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...
YOU SURE? I'LL BE THERE IN FIVE MINUTES!
HURRY UP! WE CAN'T TELL WHO IT IS UNTIL WE SEE WHO'S DRIVING THE CAR, AND THEY MIGHT LEAVE ANY TIME!
WHERE ARE THEY, PETE?
THEY JUST DROVE OUT! WE COULDN'T STOP 'EM BECAUSE THEY WERE PROBABLY ARMED! GET IN-- WE'LL TRAIL 'EM!
PARKING
NATION
STEP ON IT, PETE-- THEY'RE PILING UP AHEAD!
THEY KNOW WE'RE TRAILING 'EM! THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE MOUNTAINS WHERE WE CAN'T MAKE THE GRADE SO FAST!
WE'LL GET THEM ON THIS DOWNGRADE! HOLD HER ON THE ROAD AND I'LL SEE IF I CAN JUMP TO THEIR CAR!
BUT BEFORE BINDENHAM COULD LEAP...
THEY CAN'T HOLD THE TURN! THEY'RE GOING OVER!
HANG ON-- JOHNNY!
NATIONAL

DEAD AS PICKLED HERRING! WELL, I GUESS YOU'RE SATISFIED NOW, JOHNNY!
NO, I'M NOT! THEY WERE JUST THE HIRED KILLERS! I STILL WANT THE GUY WHO HIRED THEM!
BETTER TAKE THE LICENCE NUMBER DOWN AND REPORT THIS, JOHN!
YEAH, I'LL PUT IT ON MY ROUTE MAP... HEY, I HAVE TWO OF THEM!... WHAT..?
BUT WE ONLY GOT ONE! THAT'S HOW SECRET THE ROUTE WAS! WAIT A MINUTE... THAT COP, HE FOUND ONE WHERE WE WERE HELD UP! HE THOUGHT I DROPPED IT! NOW I GET IT! LISTEN, PETE... DRIVE ME TO THE HOME TERMINAL-- BUT QUICK!
AND AN HOUR LATER...
BIG JOHN... I THOUGHT...
YOU THOUGHT A LOT OF THINGS... FIRST THAT I WASN'T SMART LIKE DUSTY COLLINS AND COULDN'T FIGURE THIS OUT!
YOU'RE THE GUY BEHIND THIS WHOLE RACKET, GREY! I MUST HAVE BEEN NUTS, NOT TO HAVE CAUGHT ON SOONER!
THOUGHT I'D NEVER TUMBLE, EH? YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE BESIDES US WHO KNEW THAT SECRET ROUTE! SO YOU LOADED YOUR STOLEN JEWELS ON US THEN GAVE US A BIG PEP TALK!
...THEN YOU GAVE ANOTHER MAP TO YOUR BOYS SO THEY'D KNOW WHERE TO STOP US! NEVER FIGURED THEY'D LOSE IT... AND I'D GET IT... DID YOU?
SMART... GETTING PAID FOR STOLEN JEWELRY, THEN HIJACKING 'EM BACK AGAIN TO COVER YOURSELF! YEAH, SO SMART YOU FOOLED YOURSELF!
HELLO, POLICE? THIS IS BINDENHAM AGAIN! I GOT THE BOSS OF THE OUTFIT ALL WRAPPED UP AND WAITING FOR YOU! DON'T WORRY-- I'LL HAVE A SIGNED CONFESSION BY THE TIME YOU GET HERE! THINGS ARE SQUARED FOR DUSTY COLLINS NOW!
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"Right in here, Gordon." The warden stopped in front of one of the cell doors. "I'll give you twenty minutes to write your story. The prisoner hasn't much more time, you know."

"Thanks, warden, I appreciate this," Curt said as the warden unlocked the cell.

"Don't thank me. If Kirby and the higher-ups hadn't given their O. K., you'd still be sitting in my office. My idea is that a man who is going to get the hot seat in a little while should be left alone with his own thoughts—not with a meddlesome writer who is looking for a scoop for his magazine!"

After the warden ushered him inside and relocked the door, Curt stood awkwardly for a moment before he turned to face Jake Kirby. There was no need for introductions, no need for a "hello" or "how's everything going". Jake and Curt had grown up together and had been inseparable companions all of their lives. They knew each other better than they knew themselves.

Beside the cot where Jake lay, there were a table and a chair. Curt took the typewriter he had been carrying and placed it on the table. His movements were jerky and unsure, but he managed to put a piece of paper in the roller and seat himself on the chair before he finally looked at Jake, whose eyes seemed already drained of life.

"Have a cigarette," Curt said, leaning toward him. "Looks like you've given up hope."

"It's more like Lady Hope giving me up, Curt," Kirby said with a faint smile. "I guess this is the last stop on the line for me."

"I appreciate your giving me the story, Jake. It's what I need to put me in solid with the boss."

"Forget it. It'll make good reading," Jake said. "A last minute talk with Jake Kirby—the man who murdered an old man too feeble to defend himself—ought to be worth a Pulitzer nomination!"

Kirby got up from the cot and walked over to the window. He stared out for a few minutes and then turned to Curt again. "Remember the fun we used to have when it snowed?" he asked. "I keep thinking of the old Carter farm where we used to play when we were kids. I guess I keep hoping that a miracle will happen, and I'll be a kid again with nothing on my mind but playing in the snow."

"Sure I remember. How could I forget? And I remember when you pulled me out of the ice hole and saved my life," Curt said softly. "You've always been on the spot when I needed you, Jake. I don't know what I'm going to do now that . . ."

Curt didn't finish the sentence . . . he didn't have to. The atmosphere was heavy with the fact . . . this was the Death House and JAKE WAS GOING TO DIE, and no one could raise a hand to stop it.

Jake moistened his lips and sat down on the cot once again. He looked up at Curt, studied his face for a moment and then cleared his throat. "It's all like a dream," he said, "a horrible dream." Then Jake threw himself face down on the cot.

"If you'd rather not talk, Jake, I'd understand," Curt said, half rising, wishing vaguely that he could be somewhere else, even someone else. He pulled at the collar of his shirt and loosened his tie.

"Don't leave, Curt," Jake said with a touch of terror in his voice, "don't leave me alone now. I'll give you a story you can print—a good one!"

Jake began to relax as he stretched himself out on the cot. He turned his head toward Curt and said, "I don't know what you think about me, Curt, but you must believe that I'm innocent. I didn't kill Yaeger. The evidence was stacked against me, but it means nothing—nothing at all. Why would I have stayed at the apartment if I had killed him? Why wouldn't I have run as fast and as far as I could?"

Curt wiped the perspiration from his forehead as Jake spoke and slowly he began to type. "My Best Friend Was a Murderer," he typed. Then the story, the same story he had heard from Jake the night that Yaeger had been killed and robbed, the same story he had listened to in the crowded,

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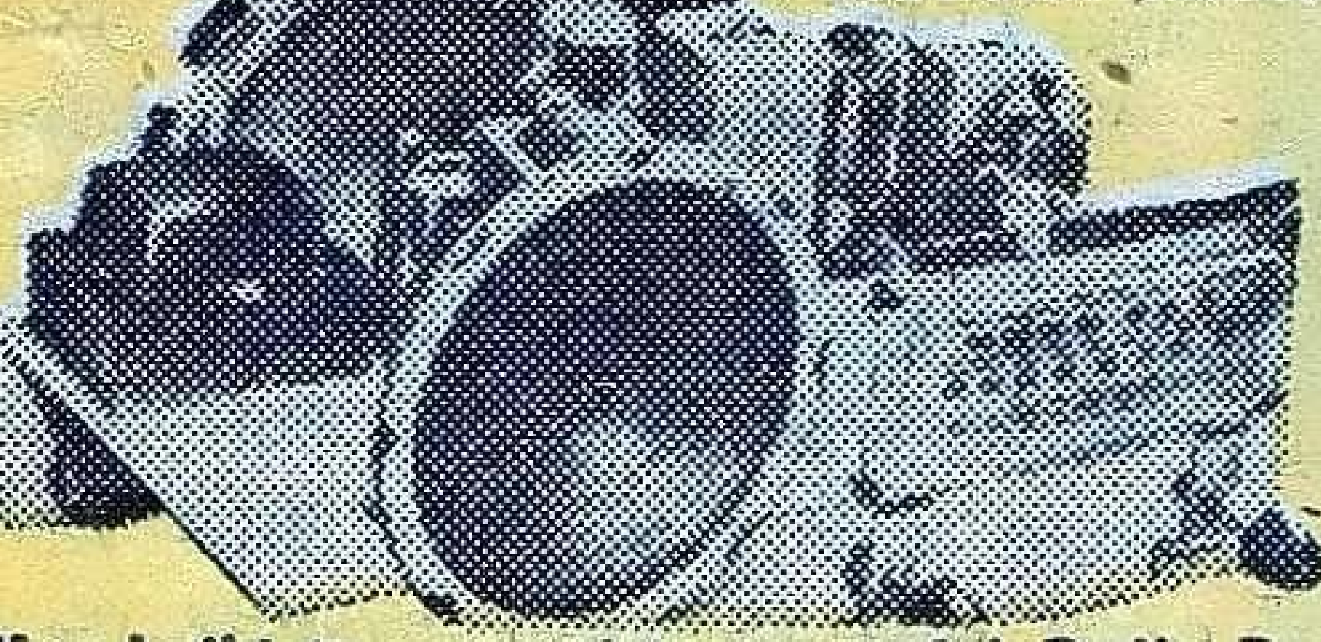

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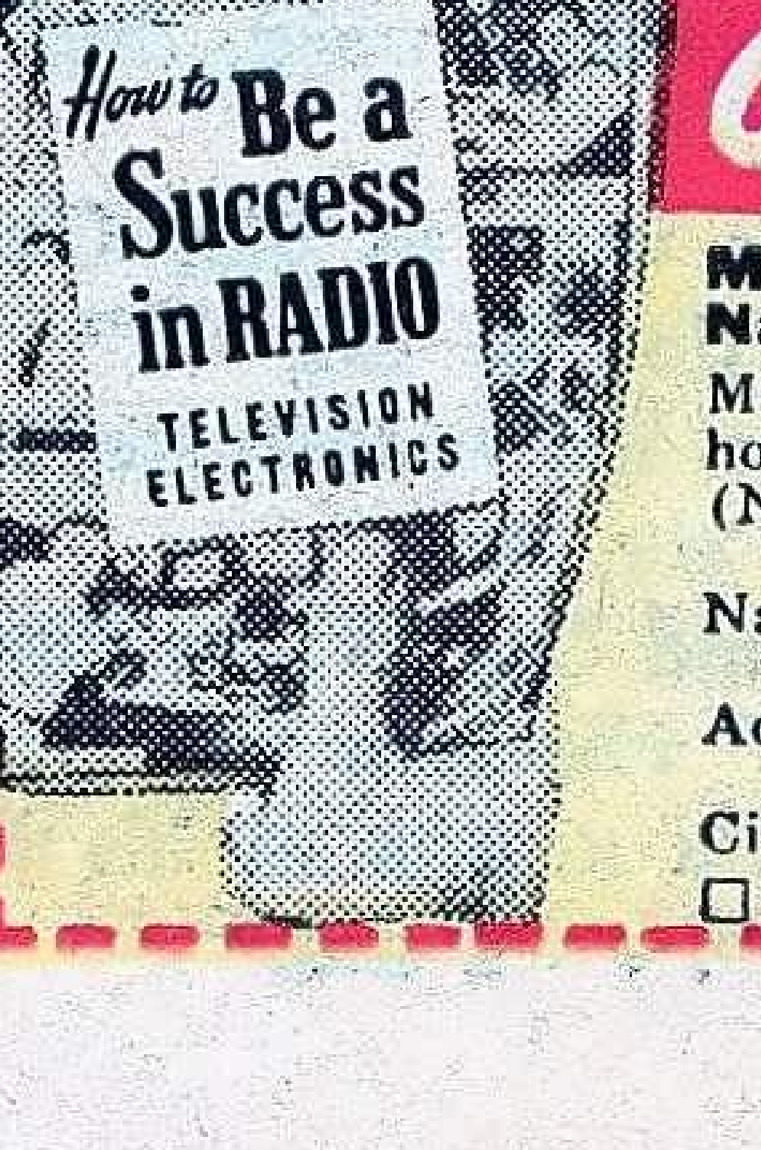
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sweaty courtroom when Jake was convicted.

Jake's gun had killed Yaeger, and fifty thousand dollars, the amount stolen had been found in Jake's room, but Jake held to the story that he was nowhere near the scene of the crime.

No one grieved over Yaeger. He'd been a corrupt old man with a political finger in every pie in the city. He'd reigned over his kingdom with an iron hand, and anyone who tried to crush that hand was soon crushed himself.

"Curt, it's hopeless, isn't it?" Jake said. "I haven't much time left."

Curt pushed his chair back from the typewriter and stared out of the window. "Jake, you've been convicted. Tried and convicted . . ."

"I feel sick inside, Curt. Why can't they understand that I couldn't kill anybody . . . I couldn't!" His face was distorted with fear and pain, and his voice rose. *"I'm innocent!"*

Curt wiped his forehead with his handkerchief and stood up. He paced up and down the room listening to Jake's rising hysteria. It was too much for him.

"Get hold of yourself, Jake!" he exploded. "I've done all I could do. I've seen everyone who could pull a string, but the facts remain that you were standing over the body with *your* gun in *your* hand with one bullet missing. That's strong evidence, Jake — it was strong enough to convince the jury!"

"You're right, Curt," Jake admitted, sitting up on the cot. "I'm sunk, I guess."

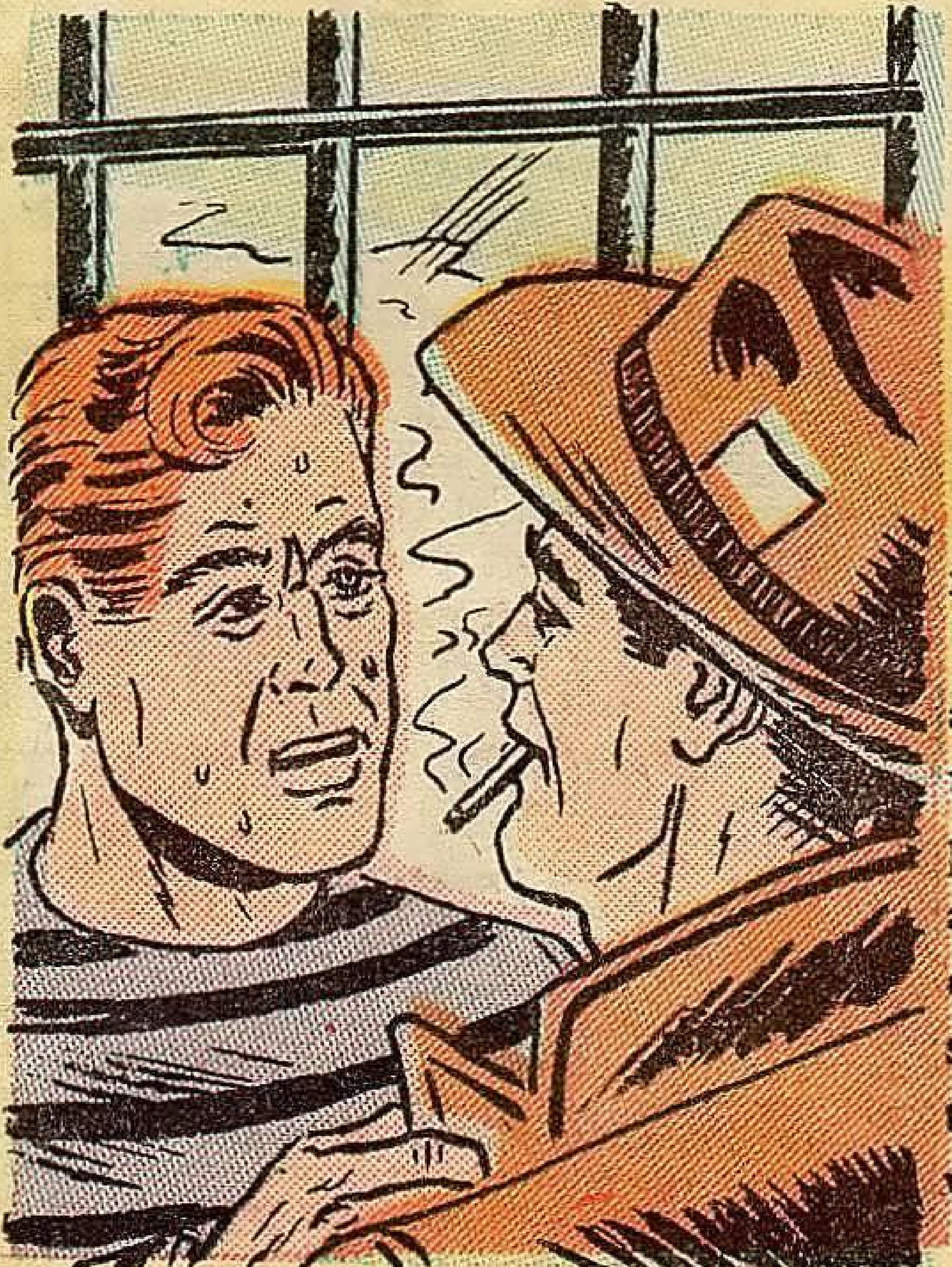
"Not that I could blame anyone who killed Yaeger. He's tried to blackball me ever since I came to this city . . . I hated him as much as anyone else did!"

Curt's eyes shone brightly as he talked and his steps quickened. He was feeling the weight of the heavy atmosphere and the passing of time before Jake would be led out of the cell and down the long corridor that lead to his destiny.

"I can't understand," Jake said. "I can't understand why I must die if I'm innocent. Why is the innocent bystander always hurt?"

"The way of the world, I guess," Curt said.

"It's not the way of the world in my case . . . it's the way of *one* man. One man is walking around free with his hands clean while I sit in this cell and count the minutes before I die!"



Jake stood up and faced Curt. He took his hand and held it for a moment and looked in his eyes. Both men were near tears but neither one spoke.

When footsteps were heard outside of Jake's cell, Jake's anguished voice rose again. "Don't let them take me, Curt. Tell them I didn't do it!"

Curt opened his mouth to say something but the words died in his throat.

"I don't want to die, Curt! I didn't do it, did I?" he screamed as the warden stepped inside of the cell.

"No," said Curt. "You didn't do it . . ." His face was ashen white and a muscle in his jaw twitched. ". . . I did."

There was a short silence and then Jake said, "I knew."

Curt turned toward the warden. "I killed Yaeger with Jake's gun that I had taken from his room. The stolen money was to give Jake a motive for killing him since everyone knew that Jake needed money. I guess I was nuts to try to pull such a stunt on Jake, but I had no idea he'd come to see Yaeger that night. I thought he'd have a pat alibi!"

"We were hoping that you'd break down, Gordon," said the warden. "It was a big chance to take."

"You mean that all of this has been an act?" Curt's voice quavered on a note of hysteria.

"If you hadn't confessed, there would have been another trial," Jake answered him quietly. "This was Dr. Kurtz's idea."

"How did my doctor get mixed up in this?"

"Kurtz called us to tell us about a patient who had been taking shock treatments. The patient was you. He said you are a sick man who has had only one thought in the past six months—to kill a man by the name of Yaeger. From there we followed hunches."

Curt nodded. He bent down and methodically took the paper out of the typewriter and put the typewriter back into its case.

"Well . . ." he began, "so much for my story. It would have been a great story, Jake— MY BEST FRIEND WAS A MURDERER." He laughed. "Perhaps I'll speak to my editor about you, Jake. That would be a joke, wouldn't it? Maybe he'll commission *you* to write it!"

His laugh rose to a shriek as the warden led him away. Jake stood motionless, listening to the sound echo, reverberating in the corridors of the death house as Curt's footsteps receded.

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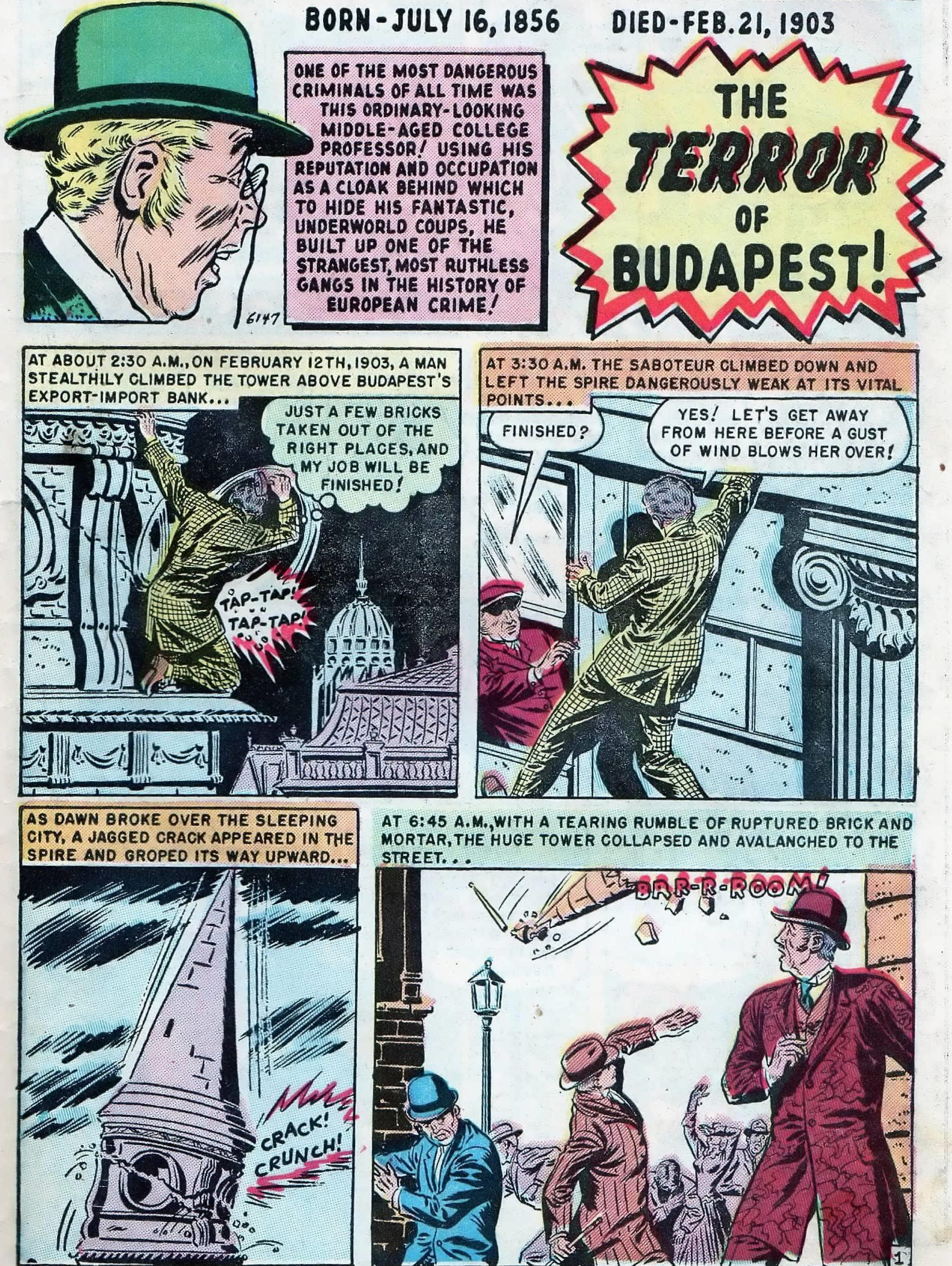

ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINALS OF ALL TIME WAS THIS ORDINARY-LOOKING MIDDLE-AGED COLLEGE PROFESSOR! USING HIS REPUTATION AND OCCUPATION AS A CLOAK BEHIND WHICH TO HIDE HIS FANTASTIC, UNDERWORLD COUPS, HE BUILT UP ONE OF THE STRANGEST, MOST RUTHLESS GANGS IN THE HISTORY OF EUROPEAN CRIME!

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AT ABOUT 2:30 A.M., ON FEBRUARY 12TH, 1903, A MAN STEALTHILY CLIMBED THE TOWER ABOVE BUDAPEST'S EXPORT-IMPORT BANK...

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JUST A FEW BRICKS TAKEN OUT OF THE RIGHT PLACES, AND MY JOB WILL BE FINISHED!
TAP-TAP! TAP-TAP!

AT 3:30 A.M. THE SABOTEUR CLIMBED DOWN AND LEFT THE SPIRE DANGEROUSLY WEAK AT ITS VITAL POINTS...

FINISHED?
YES! LET'S GET AWAY FROM HERE BEFORE A GUST OF WIND BLOWS HER OVER!

AS DAWN BROKE OVER THE SLEEPING CITY, A JAGGED CRACK APPEARED IN THE SPIRE AND GROPED ITS WAY UPWARD...

CRACK! CRUNCH!

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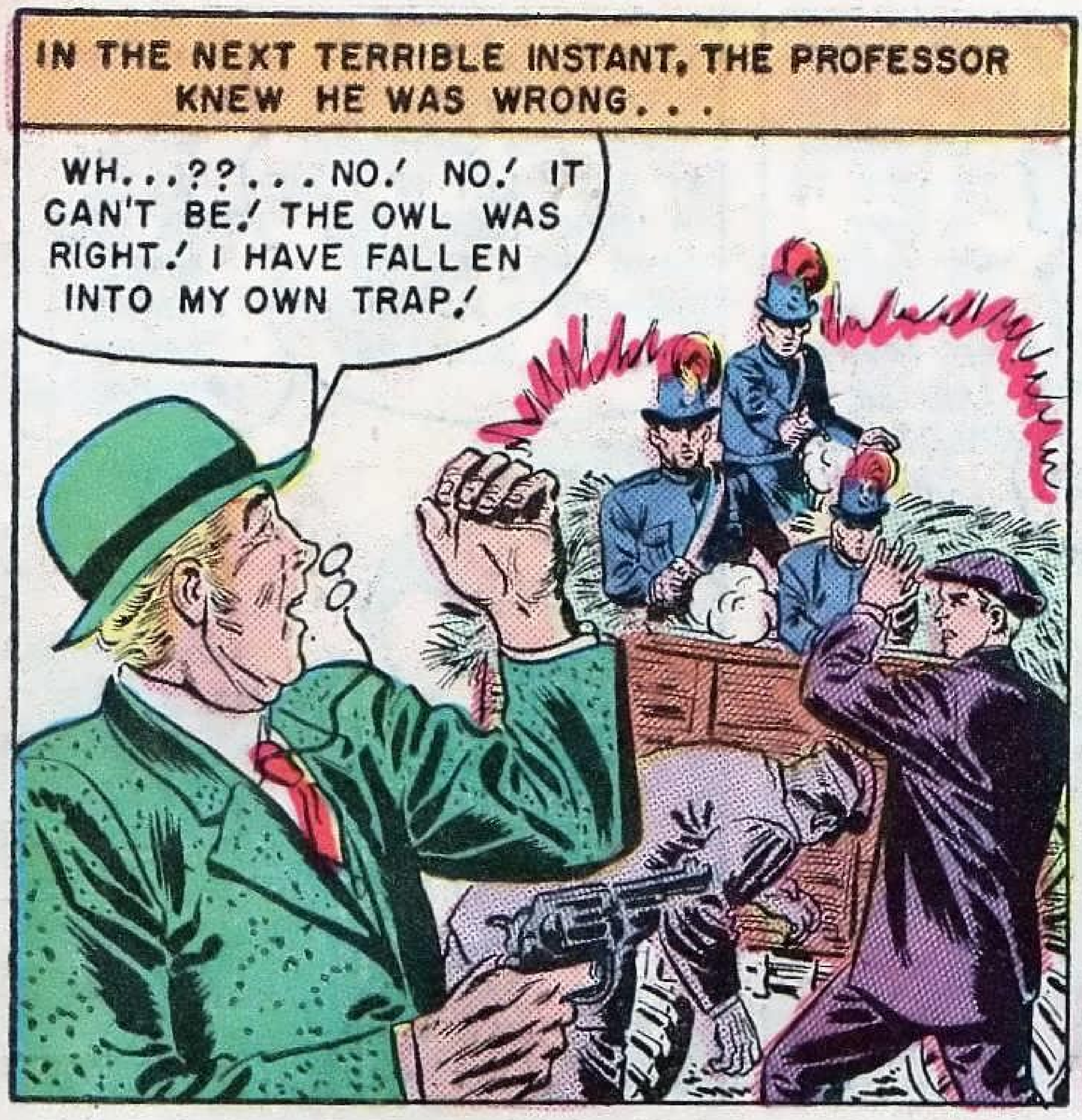
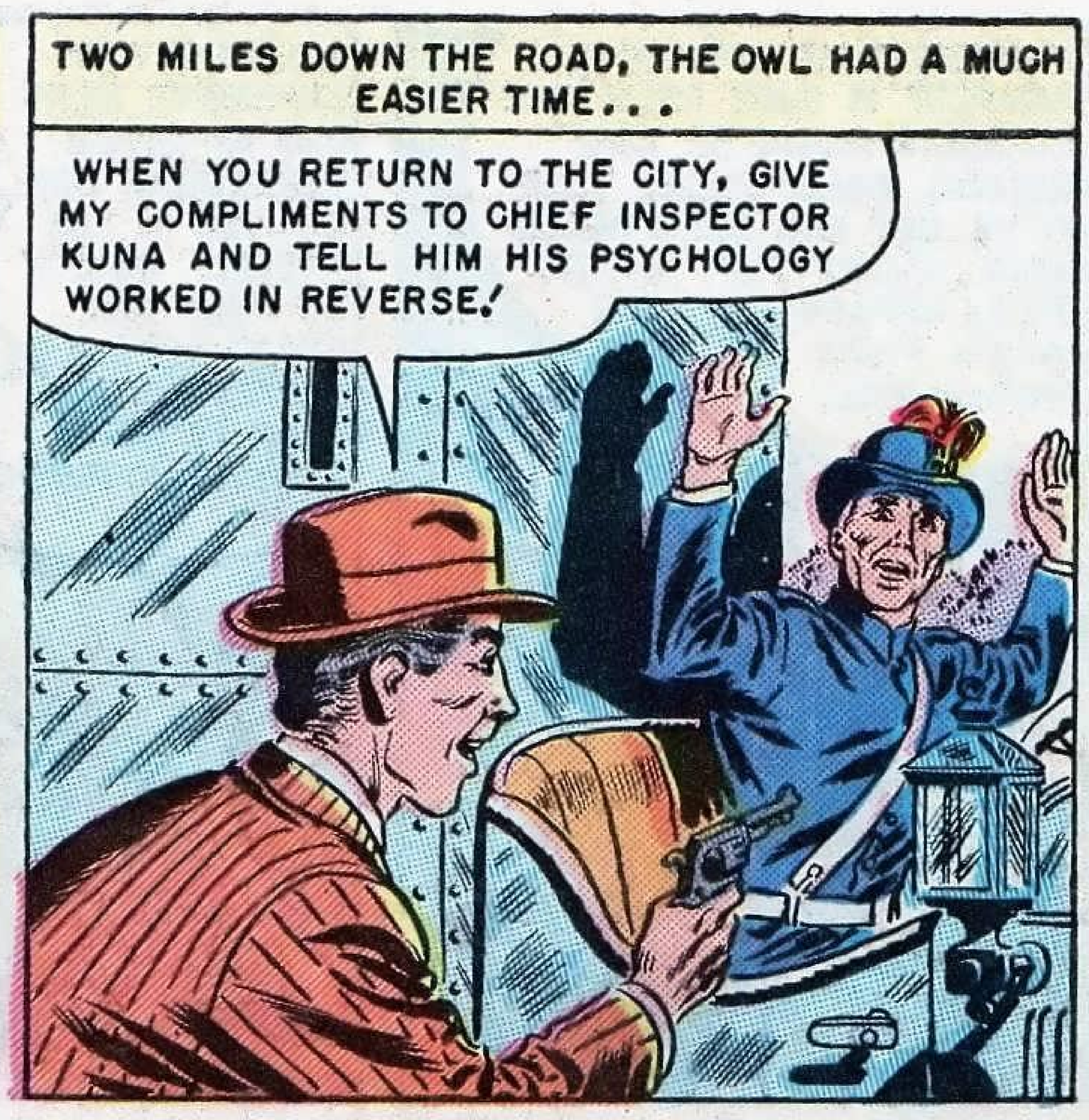
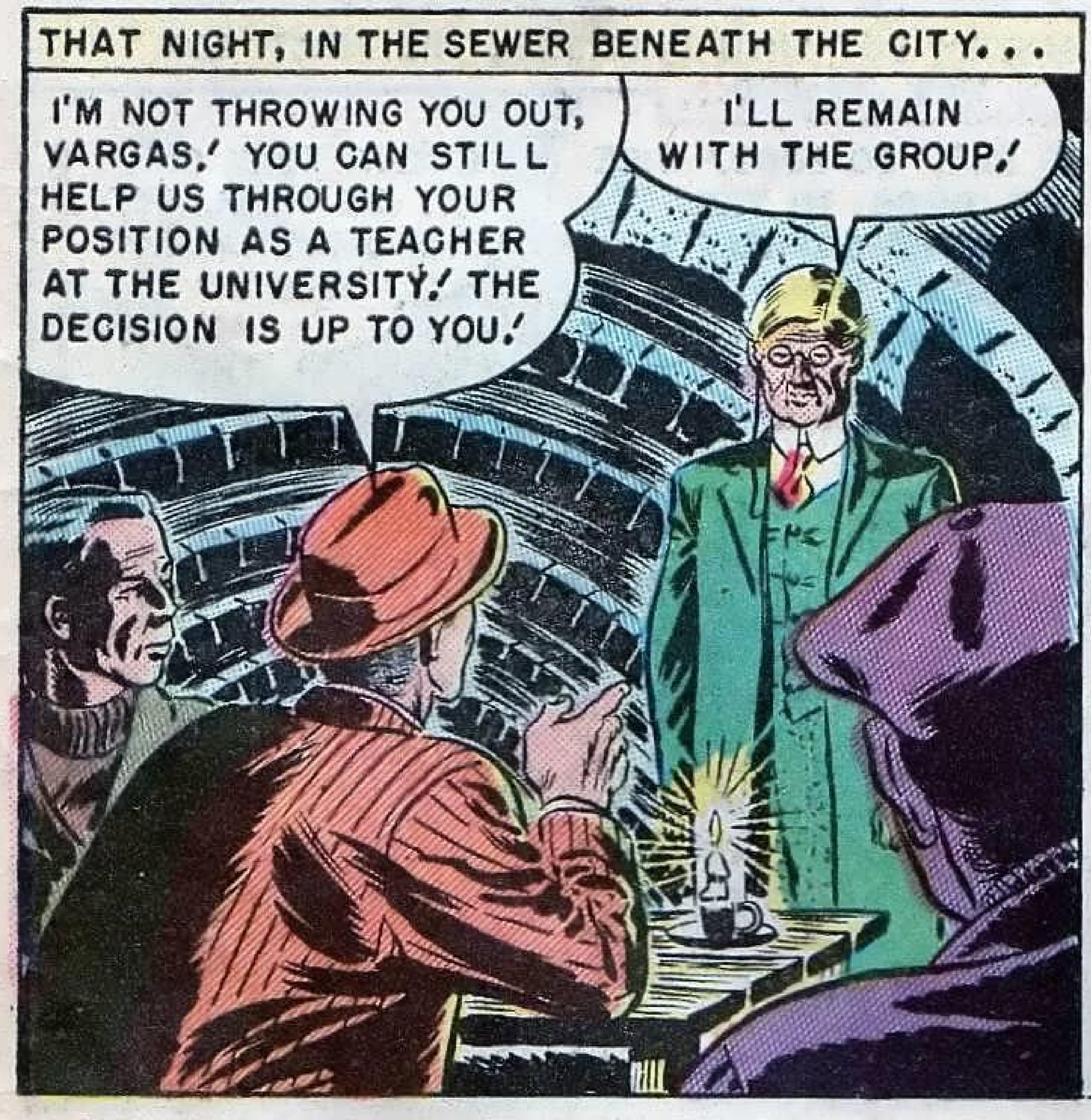
HALF AN HOUR LATER...
KEEP THEM BACK! THERE IS STILL DANGER OF FALLING STONE! ALLOW NO ONE TO ENTER THE BUILDING!
YES, SIR!
CAPTAIN HORGA? I'M IMMARU FROM THE STATE SAFETY ENGINEER'S OFFICE! PLEASE ROPE OFF THE AREA WHILE MY MEN CHECK THE BUILDING FOR FURTHER DAMAGE!
THANK GOODNESS YOU CAME! LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP INSIDE!
TWO HOURS LATER...
THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO FOR THE PRESENT, CAPTAIN! WE'VE DRILLED METAL SUPPORTS INTO ALL THE CRACKS AND BRACED THE BAD SPOTS IN THE CEILING!
GOOD! IS IT SAFE TO PERMIT THE OFFICE WORKERS OF THE BANK TO ENTER?
ABSOLUTELY NOT! THE BUILDING ISN'T AT ALL SAFE! SOMETHING MIGHT GIVE WAY ANY SECOND! WE'LL BE BACK IN A FEW HOURS TO CHECK AGAIN!
CONFOUND IT! THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO KEEP MY MEN TIED UP HERE INDEFINITELY!
TWENTY MINUTES LATER...
WE'RE FROM THE STATE SAFETY ENGINEER'S OFFICE! IS EVERYTHING...
STATE SAFETY ENGINEERS? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? A GANG OF MEN FROM YOUR OFFICE JUST LEFT!
THAT'S UTTER NONSENSE, CAPTAIN! HERE ARE MY CREDENTIALS! THIS IS THE ONLY EMERGENCY SQUAD ATTACHED TO THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE!
WHAT?... BUT WAIT A MINUTE! STAND HERE WITH YOUR MEN AND DON'T MOVE UNTIL I RETURN! I'M GOING INTO THAT BUILDING!
IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR CAPTAIN NICHOLAS HORGA TO DISCOVER THE GREATEST HOAX IN THE ANNALS OF HUNGARIAN CRIME...
(GULP!) CLEANED OUT!! EVERYTHING WORTH TAKING IS GONE! THEY WERE THIEVES... COMMON CRIMINALS, AND THEY WORKED RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES!
WORSE THAN THAT, SIR... WE WERE GIVING THEM PROTECTION!

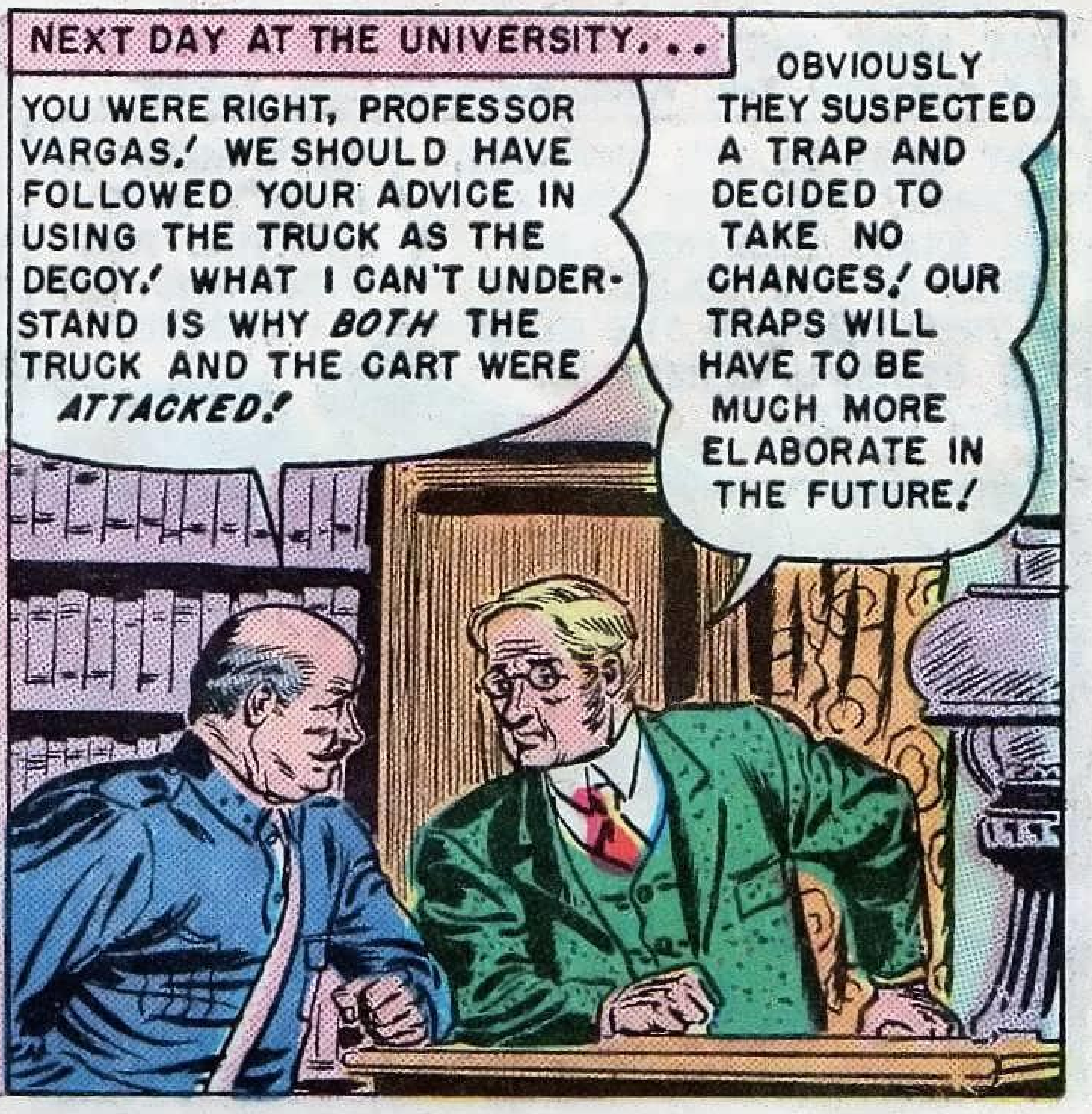
THAT INCIDENT INAUGURATED A SERIES OF THE CLEVEREST CRIMES EVER TO PLAGUE THE BUDAPEST POLICE...
THESE MEN ARE NOT LED BY ORDINARY CRIMINALS, BUT BY A DIABOLICALLY CLEVER PERSON! EVERY CRIME THEY HAVE COMMITTED HAS HAD THE SAME INTRICATE PATTERN!
YES, THE PATTERNS ARE IDENTICAL! A CAREFULLY LAID PLAN, CLEVERLY CAMOUFLAGED AND PERFECTLY SYNCHRONIZED! WE KNOW THAT, AND YET THEY STILL MANAGE TO COMMIT CRIMES AND EVADE US!
THIS MATTER IS GETTING OUT OF HAND! COME ON, HORGA! LET'S PAY A VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY!
UNIVERSITY? BUT...YESSIR!
AT THE BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY...
SO YOU SEE, PROFESSOR VARGAS, THAT THIS IS A MATTER SLIGHTLY OUT OF OUR LINE! APPARENTLY WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE AS A TEACHER OF CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY!
YOU FLATTER ME! I'VE BEEN INTERESTED IN THESE CRIMES, FROM A PURELY ACADEMIC VIEW POINT, OF COURSE! I'LL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU!
YOU SEE, GENTLEMEN, SPIES ARE FOUGHT BY COUNTER-SPIES--REVOLUTIONS BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONS--AND SO FORTH! OUR CLEVER CRIMINALS CAN ONLY BE FOUGHT BY MEANS INVOLVING COUNTER-CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH THE PROBLEM?
IT IS REALLY QUITE SIMPLE IN THEORY! IN SHORT, A DOUBLE TRAP MUST BE SET FOR THESE CRIMINALS! THE FIRST TRAP MUST BE A DECOY, WHILE THE SECOND MUST BE THE REAL TRAP!
PROFESSOR VARGAS, YOU SET THE EXAMPLE, AND WE'LL SET THE TRAP! WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?
FOR EXAMPLE, LET IT LEAK OUT THAT A SHIPMENT OF GOLD IS BEING BROUGHT TO THE CITY BY ARMORED CAR! HAVE THE CAR HEAVILY GUARDED BUT LET THE GOLD ACTUALLY BE TRANSPORTED IN AN OX-CART!
I SEE! YOU ASSUME THAT THE CRIMINALS WILL ATTACK THE CAR AND LET THE UNSUSPECTED OX CART PASS! AN EXCELLENT IDEA! THANK YOU, PROFESSOR!
WE'LL GO THE PROFESSOR ONE BETTER, CHIEF! WE'LL LEAVE THE CAR UNPROTECTED WITH THE GOLD IN IT AND HIDE OUR BEST MEN IN THE OX-CART!
THAT'S BETTER! THEY'RE TOO CLEVER TO FALL FOR THE PROFESSOR'S SUGGESTION! THEY'LL SUSPECT A TRICK AND ATTACK THE OX-CART!

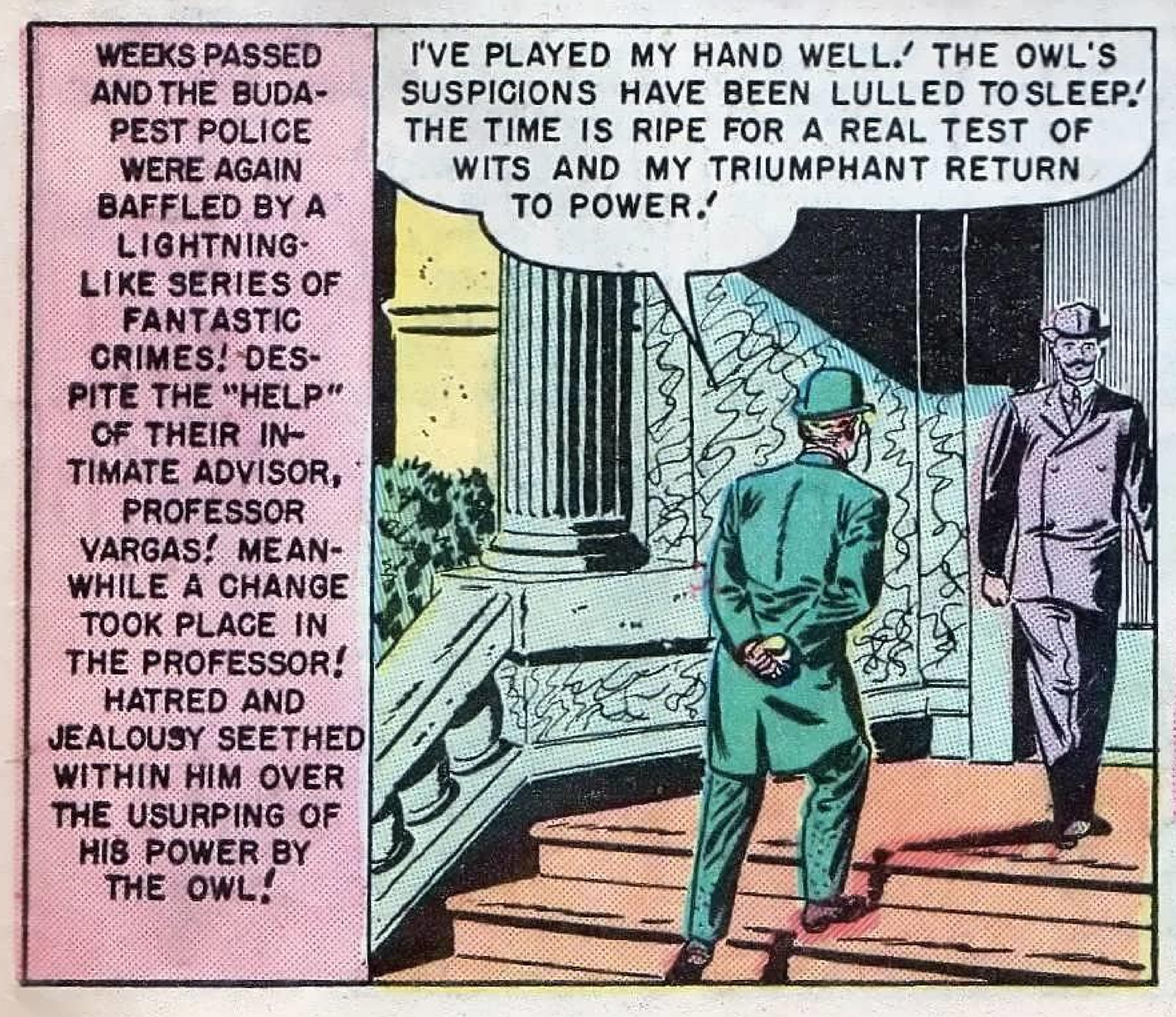
THAT NIGHT, IN ONE OF THE ABANDONED SEWERS WHICH HONEYCOMBED THE CITY OF BUDAPEST...
WELL, BOYS, THE POLICE HAVE CONFIDED IN ME AT LAST! THEY HAVE EVEN OFFERED TO SET A TRAP FOR US...YES AND EVEN TO LET *ME* SET THE TRAP! HA HA!
STOP GLOATING OVER YOUR CLEVERNESS AND GIVE US THE DETAILS, VARGAS!
SO YOU SEE, THE FOOLS LOAD THE ARMORED TRUCK WITH GUARDS EXPECTING US TO ATTACK IT AND BE CAPTURED! HOWEVER, WE'LL ATTACK THE OXCART INSTEAD AND GET THE GOLD THEY ARE LURING US WITH!
THE IDEA STINKS, PROFESSOR! I'LL HAVE NO PART OF IT!
HOW DARE YOU CRITICIZE MY PLANS, YOU GUTTER SCUM! I'VE TAUGHT YOU AND THE REST EVERYTHING YOU KNOW!
NOT EVERYTHING, PROFESSOR-- YOUR PSYCHOLOGY IS BEGINNING TO GET WEAK AROUND THE EDGES! YOU'RE NOT CLICKING AS WELL AS YOU USED TO!
FINE TALK, MY LITTLE STAR PUPIL! PROVE YOUR POINT WITH LOGIC OR SHUT UP!
OKAY! HERE'S MY LOGIC! IN THE FIRST PLACE THE POLICE ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED! THEY'LL USE YOUR PLAN BUT THEY'LL REVERSE THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE! ATTACKING THE OX-CART WILL BE SUICIDE! THE GOLD WILL BE IN THE ARMORED CAR--UNPROTECTED!
THE OWL! THE WISE OLD OWL! YOU'VE BEEN GROWING COCKY OF LATE AND MUCH TOO BIG FOR YOUR BRITCHES! WE'LL ATTACK THE OX-CART! IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, GET OUT!
YOU'LL ATTACK THE OX-CART WHILE I AND A FEW OTHERS CONCENTRATE ON THE ARMORED CAR! THE LEADER OF THE SUCCESSFUL RAID WILL ALSO LEAD THE ORGANIZATION THEREAFTER! GOOD-BYE!
FOUR DAYS LATER, ON FEBRUARY 16TH...
LET THE ARMORED CAR PASS! THE OX-CART WILL FOLLOW IN HALF AN HOUR OR SO!
THE OWL WILL GET AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE WHEN HE TACKLES THAT CARLOAD OF GUARDS!
THERE'S OUR QUARRY, BOYS! I'LL STAY BEHIND WHILE YOU DISPOSE OF THE DRIVER! BE CAREFUL! HE'S A POLICEMAN DISGUISED AS A PEASANT!
RIGHT!

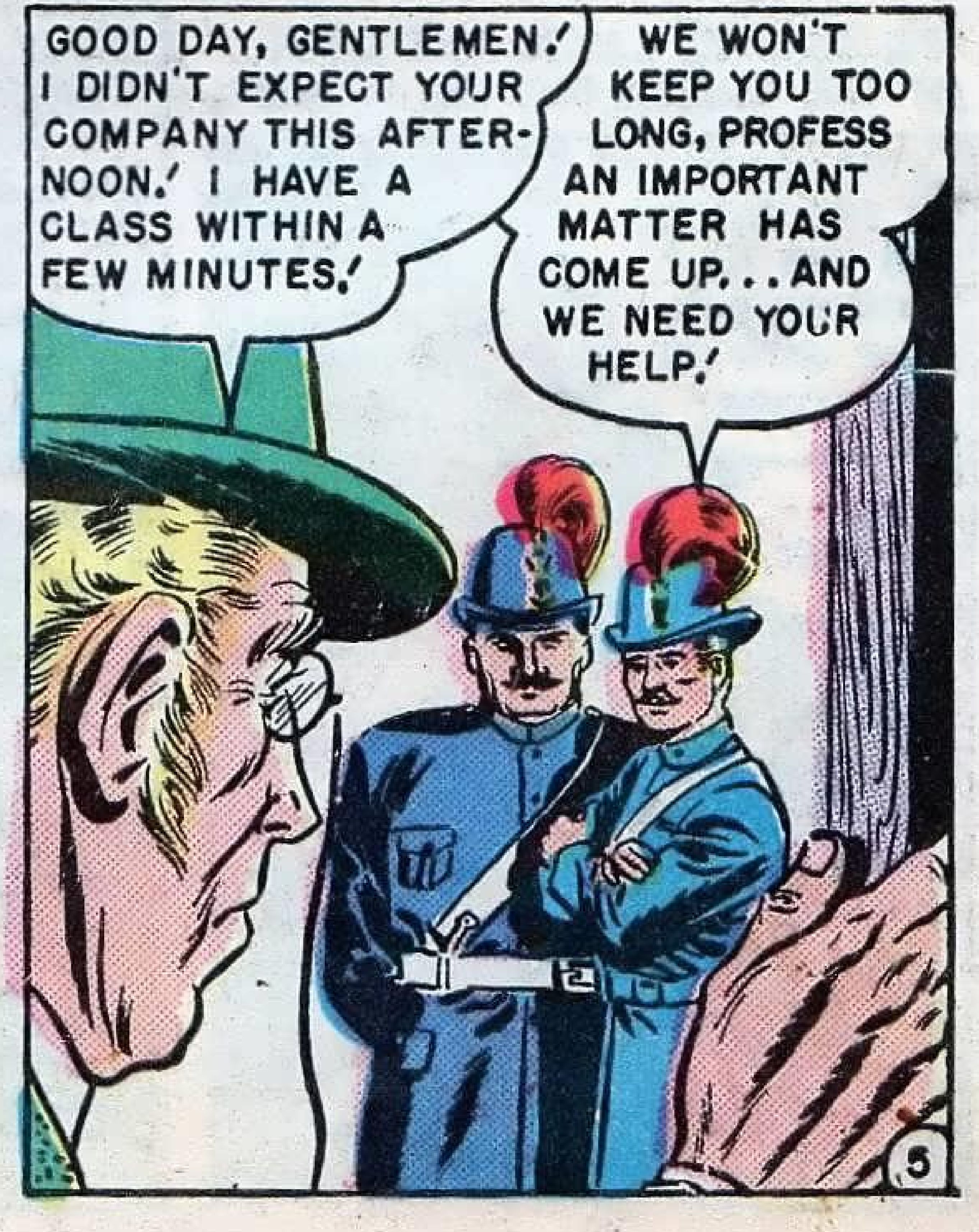

IN THE NEXT TERRIBLE INSTANT, THE PROFESSOR KNEW HE WAS WRONG...
WH...??...NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE! THE OWL WAS RIGHT! I HAVE FALLEN INTO MY OWN TRAP!


TWO MILES DOWN THE ROAD, THE OWL HAD A MUCH EASIER TIME...
WHEN YOU RETURN TO THE CITY, GIVE MY COMPLIMENTS TO CHIEF INSPECTOR KUNA AND TELL HIM HIS PSYCHOLOGY WORKED IN REVERSE!


THAT NIGHT, IN THE SEWER BENEATH THE CITY...
I'M NOT THROWING YOU OUT, VARGAS! YOU CAN STILL HELP US THROUGH YOUR POSITION AS A TEACHER AT THE UNIVERSITY! THE DECISION IS UP TO YOU!
I'LL REMAIN WITH THE GROUP!


NEXT DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY...
YOU WERE RIGHT, PROFESSOR VARGAS! WE SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED YOUR ADVICE IN USING THE TRUCK AS THE DECOY! WHAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY BOTH THE TRUCK AND THE CART WERE ATTACKED!
OBVIOUSLY THEY SUSPECTED A TRAP AND DECIDED TO TAKE NO CHANCES! OUR TRAPS WILL HAVE TO BE MUCH MORE ELABORATE IN THE FUTURE!


WEEKS PASSED AND THE BUDAPEST POLICE WERE AGAIN BAFFLED BY A LIGHTNING-LIKE SERIES OF FANTASTIC CRIMES! DESPITE THE "HELP" OF THEIR INTIMATE ADVISOR, PROFESSOR VARGAS! MEANWHILE A CHANGE TOOK PLACE IN THE PROFESSOR! HATRED AND JEALOUSY SEETHED WITHIN HIM OVER THE USURPING OF HIS POWER BY THE OWL!
I'VE PLAYED MY HAND WELL! THE OWL'S SUSPICIONS HAVE BEEN LULLED TO SLEEP! THE TIME IS RIPE FOR A REAL TEST OF WITS AND MY TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO POWER!


GOOD DAY, GENTLEMEN! I DIDN'T EXPECT YOUR COMPANY THIS AFTERNOON! I HAVE A CLASS WITHIN A FEW MINUTES!
WE WON'T KEEP YOU TOO LONG, PROFESS AN IMPORTANT MATTER HAS COME UP...AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!
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IT SEEMS THAT NOTHING IN BUDAPEST IS SAFE FROM THE RAVENOUS HANDS OF THIS CRIMINAL GANG! EVERY TRAP WE'VE SET HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED...EVERY PLOT DISCOVERED! APPARENTLY THE GANG'S SPIES ARE EVERYWHERE!
HOW CAN I HELP?
A SHIPMENT OF EXPENSIVE SILKS AND IMPORTED SILVERWARE HAS ARRIVED IN THE FREIGHT YARDS! WE DARE NOT GUARD IT HEAVILY FOR FEAR IT WOULD ATTRACT ATTENTION!
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT METHODS TO USE TO GUARD THE SHIPMENT! IT MUST ARRIVE AND BE UNLOADED SAFELY AND QUIETLY!
THERE'S ONLY ONE ALTERNATIVE! DON'T GUARD THE SHIPMENT AT ALL! LET IT COME IN UNNOTICED! THE GANG WILL NEVER SUSPECT A HARMLESS LOOKING BOX-CAR!
HMMM, I HOPE SO! WELL, WE'LL TAKE ONE MORE CHANCE! THANKS, PROFESSOR!
THAT NIGHT THE WILY PROFESSOR AND A HENCHMAN ENTERED THE HUGE MARSHALLING YARDS...
THAT MUST BE THE SHIPMENT, STEPHAN! THE CARS ARE AT THE EXACT LOCATION MENTIONED BY THE POLICE! ONE OF THEM CONTAINS THE SILVER-- THE OTHER IS MERELY AN EMPTY DECOY!
LET'S HURRY UP! I DON'T LIKE CARRYING THIS DANGEROUS TNT AROUND!
HASTILY, BUT WITH PRECISION, THE FIRST BOX CAR WAS JIMMIED...
SO FAR, SO GOOD! WIRE THE DOOR TO THE DYNAMITE SO THAT IT EXPLODES WHEN THE DOOR SLIDES OPEN! THE OWL WILL SURELY TRY BOTH DOORS!
HE'S A FOXY ONE! IT MAY BE HE'LL HIT THE SILVER CARGO FIRST!
TEN MINUTES LATER THE DOOR OF THE SECOND CAR WAS FORCED..
LET'S OPEN ONE OF THE CRATES AND SEE HOW MUCH WE CAN TAKE WITH US PROFESSOR!
YES-- DO THAT!
WHAT? TIN... NOTHING BUT TIN! THE POLICE HAVE DOUBLE-CROSSED US! THAT MEANS THEY KNOW! I'LL FIX THEM! I'LL FIX THE POLICE-- AND THE OWL, TOO!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? IF THEY SUSPECT YOU THEY MAY BE WAITING AT THIS VERY MOMENT! PERHAPS THIS IS JUST PART OF A TRAP!
WIRE THIS DOOR ALSO! THEIR TRAP, IF IT IS ONE, WILL REBOUND IN THEIR FACES! ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THE OWL WILL MEET HIS DEATH HERE!
C'MON, LET'S GET OUTA HERE! THE DOOR IS WIRED!

THAT NIGHT, ACTING ON THE PROFESSOR'S TIP, THE OWL AND HIS MEN INVADED THE FREIGHT YARDS!
THAT'S THEM RIGHT THERE, OWL! WHICH ONE DO WE TACKLE?
CERTAINLY NOT THE ONE PROFESSOR VARGAS RECOMMENDED! HOWEVER, WE'LL MAKE CERTAIN IN A FEW MINUTES!
I'M ALMOST THROUGH, OWL! THE FLOORING IS ABOUT TWO INCHES THICK!
GOOD! IF THE PROFESSOR HAS TAMPERED WITH THE DOOR, WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!
HEY! LOOK AT THIS!
DYNAMITE! CAREFUL WITH THAT STUFF! THE PROFESSOR HAD A NICE PARTY FIXED UP FOR US! ANYHOW, NOW WE KNOW THE OTHER BOX CAR CONTAINS THE VALUABLES! LET'S GO!
GOOD WORK! EASE THE DOOR OPEN WITH AS LITTLE NOISE AS POSSIBLE!
THE WORLD EXPLODED IN THE OWL'S FACE IN THE NEXT SECOND...
BAR-ROOOOOM!
WITH ONLY INSTINCT AND BLACK HATRED HOLDING HIS TORN BODY TOGETHER, THE OWL STAGGERED THROUGH THE STREETS OF BUDAPEST UNTIL HE FOUND A HIDDEN SEWER-ENTRANCE NEAR THE RIVER...
I... MUST FIND... THE OLD SLUICE GATES! THEY WERE AROUND... HERE SOMEWHERE... MUST FIND THEM!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
YEARS AGO THEY FLUSHED THE RIVER THROUGH THE SEWERS TO CLEAN THEM! TONIGHT THE RIVER... SHALL BE USED... FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE!

SLOWLY THE ANCIENT SLUICE GATES CREAKED OPEN AS THE RIVER POURED THROUGH IN A RAGING TORRENT...
AHH, I HEAR THE RIVER POURING THROUGH! IT... WILL BE MINUTES BEFORE IT... REACHES HERE! --STILL HAVE--TIME...
FIVE MINUTES LATER...
(GULP!) THE OWL! BUT I THOUGHT...
YOU THOUGHT I WAS KILLED BY THE TRAP YOU SET? NO, MY FRIEND! I AM VERY MUCH ALIVE, BUT YOU WON'T BE--SHORTLY! DO YOU HEAR THAT DISTANT ROAR, PROFESSOR?... DO YOU HEAR IT?
WHAT?! YES, I HEAR IT! THE SLUICE GATES HAVE BEEN OPENED! WE'LL BE DROWNED LIKE RATS!
STAND STILL, VARGAS! *YOU'LL* BE DROWNED LIKE A RAT... BUT I *SHALL ESCAPE!*
YOU'RE MAD! THERE'S STILL TIME FOR BOTH OF US TO GET OUT! WE CAN STILL WORK TOGETHER! LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT!
STAND STILL, VARGAS! YOU'RE GOING TO BE WASHED OUT TO SEA WITH THE REST OF THE GARBAGE IN THE SEWER!
IN THE NEXT SECOND THE RAGING TORRENT STRUCK...
DUST TO DUST!... GARBAGE TO GARBAGE! AU REVOIR, PROFESSOR!
BUT, AS THE OWL RAISED THE MANHOLE TO ESCAPE...
WH---???
EEEYAAAA!!!
BAM
8
THE OLD SEWER SLUICES HAVE COME IN HANDY, CHIEF KUNA! BUDAPEST WILL BE CLEANSED AGAIN!
IT NEVER OCCURRED TO THE PROFESSOR THAT HE WAS UNDER SUSPICION ALL THE TIME! A TRIPLE DOUBLE-CROSS, HORGA!... THREE IS A FATAL NUMBER!
THE END

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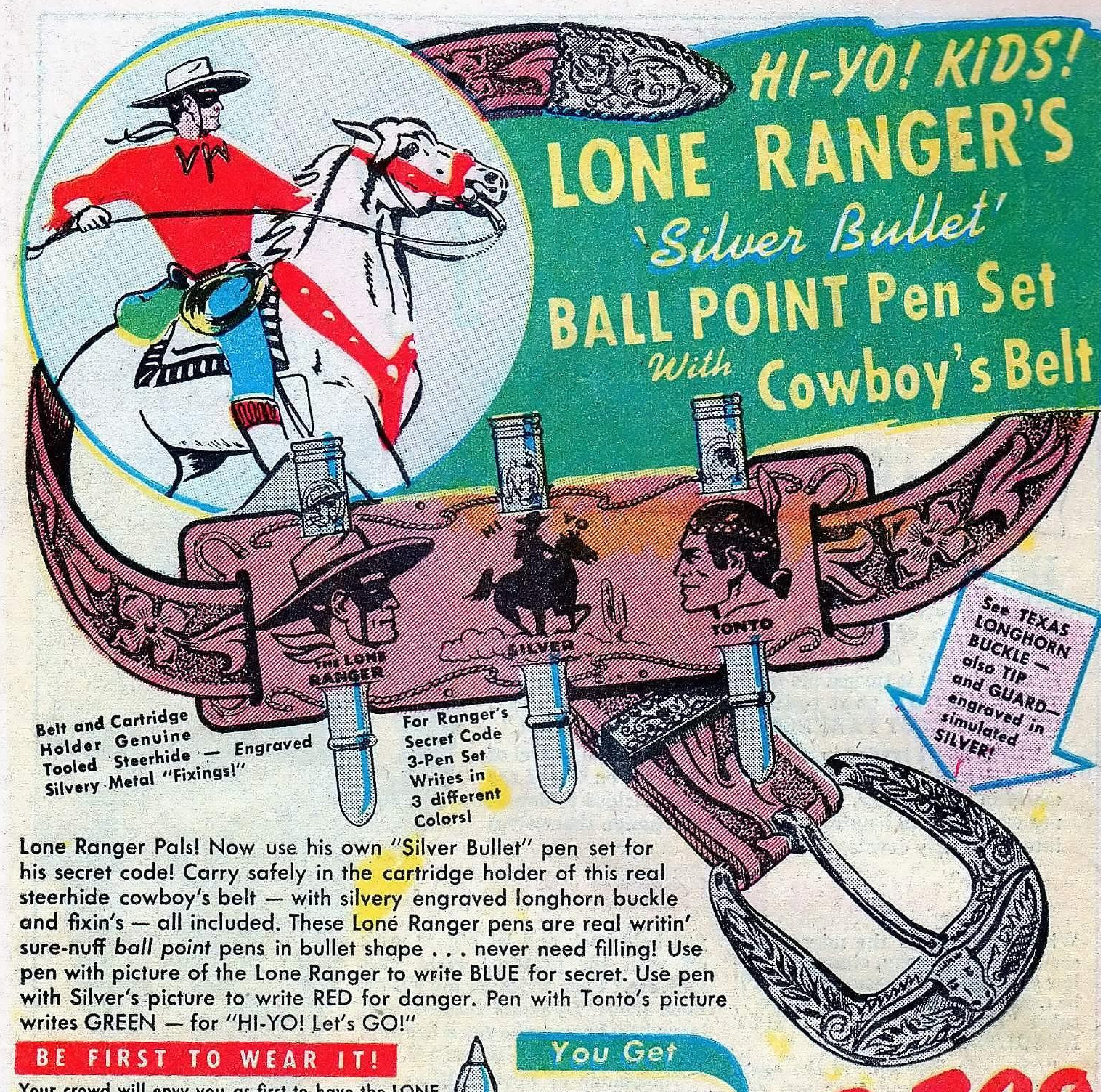

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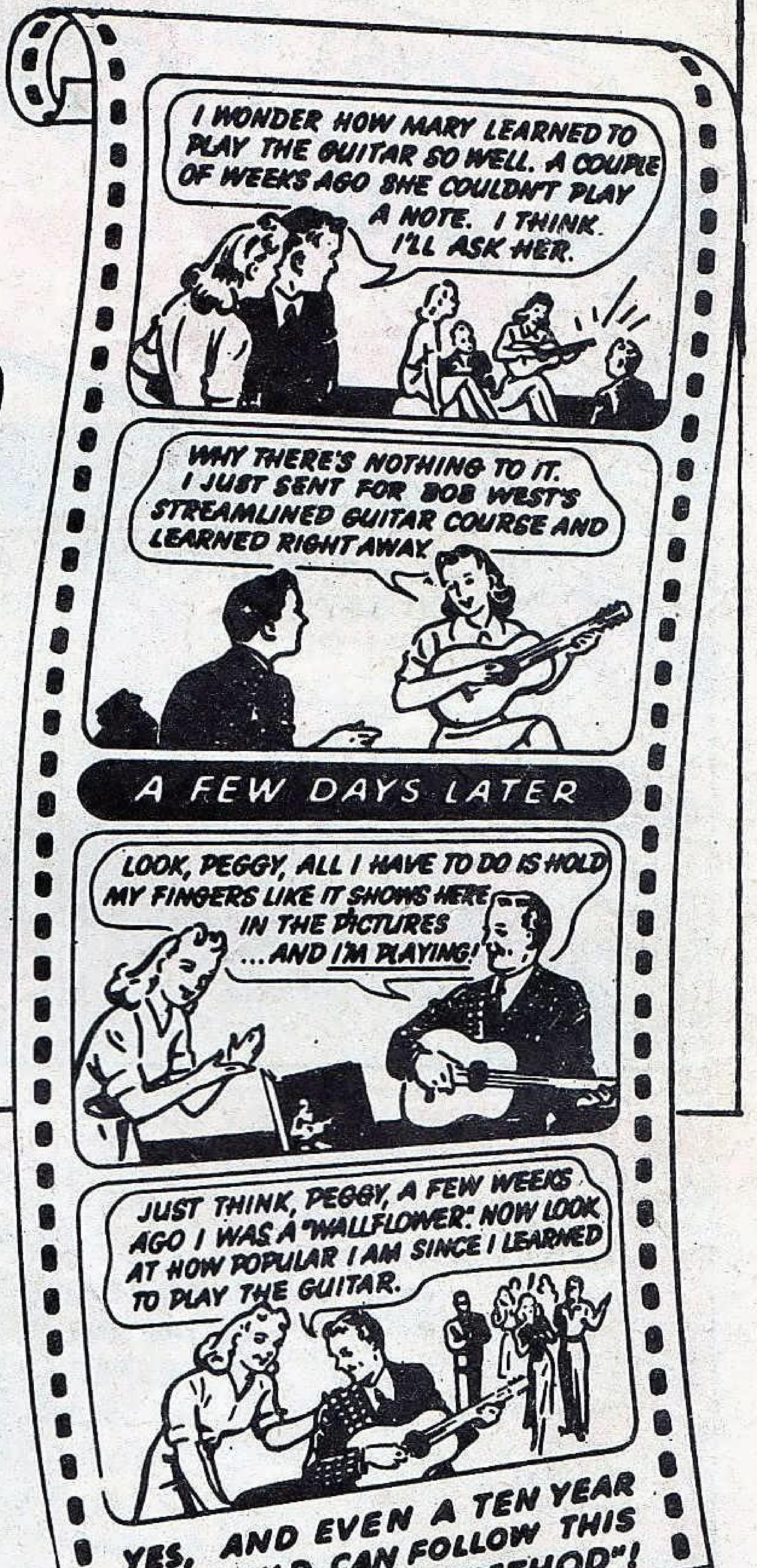
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